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What Did You Expect?

Expectations . . . we all have them. The greatest assumption that nearly everyone makes is that life will continue for many decades to come. But as far as many NorthWood students are concerned, their greatest assumption is probably, as senior Michelle Kline put it, "that juniors would know to 'shift' to the other side of the surge at the beginning of the school year."

The theme of the 1989-1990 yearbook, "What Did You Expect?," was chosen because there were so many changes taking place. There was an extraordinarily large number of new teachers at NorthWood, expansion in Nappanee, a new look to the interior of the school, and of course, a new decade.

The majority of students looked for all teachers to be pretty much the same, regardless of whether they were here for the first year or the twenty-first year. The "best" teachers were those who were, as one student put it, "in with the times."

What can be expected from an expanding community? Most people simply expected a larger variety of things to do. But there could also be negative results from all of this activity. As one student commented, "With a growing community, I'm afraid that the drug problem will escalate to a point beyond our control."

A major change occurred to the look of the interior of the high school over the summer. The ceiling tiles were finally put up and the halls were finally lit when students returned to school for the new year. One student felt that even though there were lights, "they were always turned off in order to conserve energy. So either way, we couldn't see!" But as the year continued and the construction ended, the corridors seemed to become brighter with the insertion of lights in all of the halls.

Knowing what to expect from a new decade was rather hard. Most students did not know what to look for in the coming years. They had set goals, but what would come of those goals would remain to be seen. Most people's lives would stay pretty much the same, other than a few expected changes here and there, such as graduating or purchasing a house. Other than that, to many, 1990 was just going to be a new year.

Anticipations for the school year were also quite random. Students goals varied from getting good grades to "just having fun!" as Lisa Hilty said. But regardless of the plans for the year, everyone, whether senior or freshman, had one common goal — to graduate.

-Hope Atwater



Jason Bellman works comfortably under one of the new heaters as he performs a dissection in biology. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Comfort Inn, an extension of Amish Acres, is one of the several new businesses to open its doors in Nappanee, hoping to serve the growing community. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



The junior class broke tradition by remaining on the same side of the surge at the beginning of the year, causing the freshmen to sit with the seniors. (Photo by Teresa Miller)





The new German teacher, Mrs. Ganger, assists Paula Kraus, Rachel Rogers, and Andrea Orn on their grammar exercises. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Marcia Wysong prepares for a long day of school by checking over all of the books that are stashed away in her locker. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Dottie Kreps is working studiously on a German I assignment in the south surge. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Scott Logan, John Dunn, Nikki Shawgo, Nathan Wortinger, Tammy Davies, Jennifer Creech, and Tuma Woolley enjoy a relaxing moment in the south surge during lunch. (Photo by Heather Boger)

Still In the Way

Steve Gall and Nicki Nettrour intently study together in the south surge during seventh hour. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



As the students entered the halls of NorthWood on Tuesday August 22, 1989, some were entering for the first day of their last year, and others for their first year. Students were astonished by the appearance of the school. Others who had been here for various reasons before school started were not so amazed.

Many of the students involved in extra-curricular activities entered the bare halls of NorthWood long before the first day of school. There were still many distractions. "The floors were not swept and tools were lying around cluttering the already narrow passageways," said Murray Weaver. "The air conditioner did not work, and it was extremely hot and humid," commented Tracey Witmer. The band hall had a serious problem with leaking. While it rained some band members, along with Murray Weaver, began calling the halls "Lake NorthWood."

During the first week of school, Jennifer Blucker noticed pebbles falling from the ceiling. Melted pieces of rock fell on Kristi Lehman's shoe. The band students were disappointed by their still cluttered and unswept halls. The individual units in each classroom were a distraction, and construction workers continued to be "in the way."

Most sophomores, juniors, and seniors expected to come back with a newly installed heating and cooling system. To their dismay, many of the halls were left as they had been in the spring. The students could still see the structural work of the building because the ceiling tiles had not been installed.

Mr. Bonacorsi stated in September that construction of some kind would continue throughout the school year. There would be thermostat adjustors and different types of inspectors in the building all the time. Just when students thought the construction crew was through, the school board voted for even more structual improvements.

One improvement on which the school board voted was the installation of a new fire alarm system. Students were suddenly jumping out of their seats at the sound of an unfamiliar bell because of a few unplanned drills. Another improvement was the renovation of the south surge windows. By putting new energy efficient windows in the south surge, it would make a more comfortable atmosphere for students.

As the construction continued, the students complained. But despite the complaints, everyone's overall views of the improvements were positive. As Carla Kennel commented, "The school was definitely warmer than last year."

-Stacie Yoder



One morning, while entering the south doors, Carla Kennel and Pam Lechlitner admire the new ceiling tiles. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Heather Reaker studies the parts of a crayfish in the south surge before disecting it in biology. (Photo by Amye Burns)



A Twist of Difference

Walking through the doors to the prom, getting ready to dance the night away, you noticed that everything looked pretty much the same as it did last year.

Every year it was the same thing all over again. But what did you expect? These were the things that made up the school year, the things that made it exciting. Every year brought different people, which meant the same activities with a different theme, attitude, or touch of spirit.

New placements among the faculty in leadership positions contributed to student life groups. Mrs. Julian took over the production of the newspaper and gave it a new name, *News-Watch*. Mrs. Greenlee sponsored student council and brought floats back into the Homecoming activities.

Along with old activities, there were new ones to accompany the year. The student council changed the Open Door program from collecting canned goods as a school, to collecting in each individual fourth-hour class for a needy family from the community. The classes collected nonperishable food items or money, or they bought the families items of need. The hope was to make Christmas more personal for the families as well as the students.

No matter what the activities were, each year was special with its own sparkle and twist. Together with people, the whole year was made unique.

-Hope Atwater



Jenny Hartman and Anthony Taylor helped make hat day a success by wearing their spirit hats. (Photo by Amye Burns)



John Weldy, Jamie Prenkert, Becky Sumpter, Curvin Martin, Ryan Mullet, Lana Hartman, and Sam Brown reenact the murder for the fall play. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

During mock trials in business law, Tony Schmucker poses as a lawyer to Annie Davis, as "judge" Krista Scheumann listens to the untold story. (Photo by Amye Burns)



We've got it

It's New, It's Improved, It's the New NW High!

Hat day was not reserved for just hats — their sidekick, jerseys, got equal attention as well. Senior Missy Brumbaugh takes attendance in one of her classes while sporting the attire for the day. (Photo by Amye Burns)



9:05 — morning announcements: "... be sure to wear red and black tomorrow ..." Groans escaped the mouths of many students. "... and support the Panthers at the Homecoming game." More groans, a few heckles, a couple chuckles — this used to be a typical reaction to spirit days. One student was overhead saying "They're so stupid!" However, a new twist was added that boosted student participation — craziness.

Tuesday, September 9, was "wear-all-your-watches-day." Wearing seven or eight watches may not have been too exciting, but it was different than the usual "red and black day" or "twin day." Wednesday was "opposite sex day." The turn-out was almost unprecedented. More guys than girls participated, and many of the male persuasion were transformed into striking females with the help of make-up, mini skirts, wigs, dresses, and purses. Quite a few were over indulgent with extra "padding." Senior Derek Guard grumbled in his second hour advanced composition class, "I hate these mini skirts. They ride up!" Even the teachers were grabbed by the spirit. Mrs. Harnish wore a suit, and Mr. Carter wore a dress and make up, and even carried a purse. Thursday and Friday were reserved for the more traditional spirit days; "hat day" and "wear all black day," respectively.

Another aspect of spirit week that helped improve school spirit was the Homecoming floats. An old tradition, the last floats were seen in 1985. The student council decided to get the tradition going again. "Since we knew it was our last year, we wanted it to be memorable," senior Tara Thompson said. Each class was responsible for creating a float. All students were invited to help with the building. Themes for the floats were either movie or song titles that tied in with Homecoming. Making the floats was not easy or inexpensive. The seniors met at Tara Thompson's and spent at least fifteen hours and two hundred dollars on their float. Alicia Templeton felt that, in the end, "... it was worth it."

The annual powder puff game was intense with competition. The junior girls beat the seniors with a score of 7-0, which caused the "Seniors Always Win" tradition to be shot down. This was the first time in history that the senior girls lost to anybody. The weather was perfect for some good competition, but there were rumors of bribed officials in the wind. Senior Lori Ingle commented that one referee said "... if we paid him, he'd make good calls for us." During the senior versus junior game, it appeared that many illegal moves went unnoticed and the juniors were, perhaps, on the "good" side of the officials. But in the end, it was visible that the student body's spirit was definitely on an ultimate high.

-Dawn Boothe



The Three Amigos, Tracey Witmer, Janae Wenger, and Nadine Clark enjoy a not-so-Mexican lunch on Hat Day. (Photo by Amye Burns)



The Senior float, "Mr. Andrews and the Sweet Victory Factory," is adorned with Senior "chef" Amy Pletcher. Amy tosses candy to the crowd to sweeten the proceedings. (Photo by Amye Burns)



The Junior Float, with the theme "Friday the 13th Part 89 — Panthers Take Plymouth," was one of the four in the contest. The honors, however, went to the freshmen float. (Photo by Amye Burns)



Rebel Day brings out the best in Seniors Jeff Snider, Heidi Hochstetler, and Tami Bean. Although it was not part of Spirit Week, Rebel Day shows that the students' spirit remained high all year. (Photo by Amye Burns)

Homecoming in the Spotlight

The 1989 Homecoming was held on Friday the 13th of September, but wasn't a bit frightening for the NorthWood Panthers. The night was perfect, warm, and clear.

The Panthers were cheered on by the fans, cheerleaders, and the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders from the Wa-Nee schools.

During halftime the floats paraded around the track. The freshmen float won in the float competition with the theme "Gone with the Win." Following the floats, the underclass attendants and senior candidates appeared in front of the stands. The crowd waited as Debbie Pippenger was crowned by Stacey Spurgeon, the 1988 Homecoming Queen.

The Panthers crushed the Rockies with a 46-0 victory. "Once we got rolling, things really went our way," said Coach Andrews.

The players, floats, queen candidates, representatives, cheerleaders, and band members were all in the spotlight at Homecoming. Memories were made that will never be forgotten by those who were involved and those that spectated.

-Mandy Myers



The Panthers take their positions as they prepare for their battle with the Rockies. (Photo by Wendell Beron)



Homecoming Court front row: Pete Billey, Michele Beron, Rodney Nafziger, Deb Pippenger, Tara Thompson, Steve Gall; back row: Todd Wolf, Mandy Myers, Craig Bush, Mia Lechlitner, Stess Templeton, and Thad Hahn. (Photo by Lifetouch Studios)



Mandy Myers and Todd Wolf



Michele Beron and Pete Billey



Debbie Pippenger and Rodney Nafziger



Debbie Pippenger shows excitement as Stacey Spurgeon congratulates her and presents her with the crown. (Photo by Wendell Beron)

Members of the sophomore class show the float they created for Homecoming. They chose the theme "Sophomores are Top Gun." (Photo by Jason Miller)





Freshmen Julie Traub, Michael Clouse, and Amy Rogers travel in the winning float. They let everyone know that before Plymouth scored, NorthWood would be gone with the win. (Photo by Jason Miller)



Tara Thompson and Steve Gall



Mia Lechliter and Craig Bush



Staci Templeton and Thad Hahn

Since she was a young girl, Jackie Rouch has been tap dancing. Here she shows the audience her years of practice to the beat of "Neutron Dance." (Photo by Advance News)





"Hanz and Franz" proves itself a favorite skit for the emcees and the rest of those present. Jeff McGowen and Pete Billey are "here to pump you up." (Photo by Advance News)

The emcees perform one of their welcoming skits. Becky Sumpter, Jill Hunsberger, Jamie Prenkert, and Murray Weaver imitate the cheerleaders in their "Cheerleader Welcome." (Photo by Advance News)



Panther Parade Their Talents

With much expression, Lana Hartman sings "I Must Tell Jesus" and challenges the audience to accept Him. (Photo by Advance News)



The applause was loud, the whistles were clear, and Panthers on Parade was well on its way to becoming a night to remember. What helped make October 7 an unforgettable memory were four emcees devoted to filling in the gaps and adding spark to the show.

This was what Jill Hunsberger, Jamie Prenkert, Becky Sumpter, and Murray Weaver set out to do that night. They pulled it off even though they had only one week to plan their acts. "Actually, we only had two days to schedule where the acts would be given," they revealed.

Between the four students, the decision on what acts to perform wasn't too difficult. They chose skits they'd seen before. "We looked in stupid books too," added Jamie. Practicing was another dilemma altogether. They claimed to have spent five hours practicing with each other and more time on their own.

However, the hard work paid off. "We didn't think some of the acts would go over too good," admitted Jill. "We thought some of them were pretty stupid." But when they heard the laughter, they knew they had been accepted.

Although they planned on being booed, they still had fun with their part of the show. Three out of the four chose the Archie skit as one of the most fun to perform. Half of them also liked the opening act.

From the rest of the show, half of them liked the varsity cheerleader's skit and three-fourths also liked Jeff McGowen and Pete Billey's "Hanz and Franz" performance.

Despite the hard work that came with being emcees, all four of them said they would do it over. However, they would have appreciated more time to prepare so they could make better plans.

Murray concluded, "It was a growing experience, and I enjoyed it." "I would encourage more people to go out for it," stated Becky, "and not just the musically talented — anyone."

-Sheila Helmuth





The senior girls portray the members from Hee-Haw in their performance called "Rumors". Singing the popular song from the show are Missy Brumbaugh, Cathy Chrisman, Lana Hartman, Jill Hunsberger, Jackie Rouch, Jenni Smith, Keesha Flory, Debbie Pippenger, Ann Detweiler, Alicia Templeton, Caroline Smith, Becky Sumpter, and Jennifer Kerns. (Photo by Advance News)

Trebletones Nicki Lengacher, Tiffany Culp, and Danielle Miller snap along to their song "Blame it on the Music". (Photo by Advance News)

The beat goes on

Goals that were Set needed Everyone's beat

Summer band camp was held at Smith Wallbridge in Syracuse, where the Scarlet Guard practiced nine hours a day for five days. They were taught the importance of marching and the show moves. They were also taught to have a good attitude. "Attitude is a very important part of being a band member, because in band, attitude affects the togetherness," stated Cathy Slabaugh, a band member.

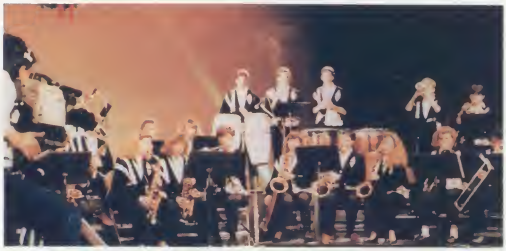
The Scarlet Guard performed in six parades, six invitational contests, a district contest at Penn High School, and a Regional Contest at Marion High School. Two members, Murray Weaver and Sean Metzler, were nominated for McDonald's All-American Band.

Another important part of the Scarlet Guard was the Color Guard. They made the flags "glitter" to the best. "It takes a lot of practice. It's not as easy as it looks," stated Tina McDonald, Co-captain of the Winter Color Guard, which competed at five contests and performed at Stage Preliminaries.

The Jazz Band did something new this year. They performed in a Christmas Concert at Union Station along with D.G., and were recorded for broadcast by WNDU TV stations.

The NorthWood bands had great success this year. With major accomplishments at solo and ensemble, the band received 32 first division ratings and 5 second division ratings. The band continues to improve under Mr. Cole as the beat goes on.

-Debbie Lehman



Jazz Lab performs during WNDU recording session for Sounds of the Holidays Broadcasts. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Representatives from Elkhart County Band gather at the Elkhart Band-O-Rama. Left to Right: Concord H.S., Steve Purcell, NorthWood H.S., Fairfield H.S.



Scarlet Guard Winter Guard consists of: Row 1: J. Carlson, T. McDonald, J. Stutzman; Row 2: M. Carlson, B. Malone, M. Elliott, G. Smith; Row 3: Y. Yoder, B. Graber; Row 4: A. Truex, J. Bishop; Row 4: J. Pate; Not pictured: N. Shawgo



Jazz Lab consists of: Row 1: K. Honeycutt, M. Tiedge, B. Sherman, R. Bradway, M. Weaver, C. Johns; Row 2: S. Metzler, J. Blucker, C. Slabaugh, T. Smith, A. Ferrel, N. Clard, D. Kreps, M. Comer; Row 3: J. Metzler, J. Brandt, L. Lemler, K. Lehman, K. McGowen, Y. Yoder, N. Otis, S. Troyer; Row 4: P. Johns, H. Kreps, R. Mullet, M. Yoder, T. Pavasco, M. Kerns, S. Pierce; Row 5: S. Weaver, C. Gottbrath, J. Ferguson, J. Wenger; Not pictured: J. Weldy, H. Miller, J. Gongwer.



Band Booster Parents help transport Pit Percussion Equipment for Paul Johns and Heather Miller at Marion High School's "Regional Contest".

NorthWood Scarlet Guard performs at Regional Contest at Marion High School.





Mr. Cole announces results after the District Contest at Penn High School.



Marching Band Includes: Front: S. Metzler; Row 1: J. Wenger, J. Neverman, R. Eby, S. Weldy, F. Seerfoss, M. Weaver, B. Sherman, M. Tiedge, H. Miller, P. Johns, N. Clark; Row 2: H. Landes, J. Metzler, M. Culp, M. Comer, M. Elliot, K. Albrecht, J. Berger, T. Wilmer, S. Pierce, M. Goodwin, N Otis, M. Kerns, K. Lehmen, R. Mullet, J. Kreps, C. Purcell, R. Hill, M. Yoder, T. Pavasco, K. Honeycutt, A. Hartman; Row 3: M. Coffmen, K. McGowen, L. Lemler, S. Weldy, D. Kreps, S. Dieterlen, A. Culp, K. Sanders, J. Gongwer, R. Hill, B. Umbaugh, S. Purcell, K. Nunemaker, C. Gottbreth, T. Coffman, J. Ferguson, A. Ferrel, D. Slebaugh, J. Blucker, L. Grove, J. Weldy; Row 4: J. Carlson, B. Greber, B. Malone, J. Bishop, A. Truex, N. Shawgo, M Elliott, S. Weldy, J. Stutzman, T. McDonald, S. Neverman, J. Miller, B. Trumble, J. Pate, Y. Yoder, M. Carlson.

Dazzlin G

Dawning Generation Busts A Move for Sweet Success

In one of many performances, Senior Jenni Hartman, and Juniors Cathy Warren, Mary Kauffman, and Steph Rouch display their talents along with the rest of the group.



It's seven o'clock on a Friday morning. The first members of Dawning Generation arrived, yawning, walking aimlessly about, waiting for practice to start. Finally, everyone was assembled in the choir room. As they took their places and waited for Mr. Ailes' signal, a few concerned seniors wondered "who's bringing the doughnuts?"

Practices were not always as sweet as the pastries they devoured, however. "We began the year with two all-day "camps" on the Tuesday and Thursday before school started," Director Scott Ailes said. They practiced from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., working on learning music and choreography that would be used in all the D.G.'s fall performances.

Once school started, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 were devoted entirely to practice. Monday nights also needed to be kept plan-free — at least from 6:30 to 8:30.

D.G.'s performances were choreographed by Peggy Priesoff, a new addition. Jeanine Wing, a 1989 graduate from NorthWood, also choreographed a few numbers at the beginning of the year.

Dawning Generation performed practically everywhere. The Nappanee "Apple Festival," the Bremen "Octoberfest," the Northridge High School "Swing-fest '89," "Panthers on Parade," Christmas concerts, Dunlap Lions Club, and the spring choral concert were just a few of their performances.

A new year and director brought changes for Dawning Generation. 1989 was the first year the group received academic recognition — one-half credit. "This group deserves a lot more credit than they receive," Mr. Ailes stated. "They spend a great deal of their extra time rehearsing for D.G., and . . . represent NorthWood to their best ability."

-Dawn Boothe



Although many hours are spent outside of class practicing, class time was still important. David Yoder, John Landes, and John Graber perfect their singing skills. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Row 1 — Lana Hartman, Missy Brumbaugh, Steph Rouch, Jenny Smith, Cathy Warren. Row 2 — Anita Huber, John Weldy, Eric Wright, Rodney Nafziger, Ryan Mullet, John Graber, David Yoder, Jenni Hartman. Row 3 — Heather Miller, Mary Kauffman, Debbie Pippenger, Janine Carlson, Brian Moore, Murray Weaver, John Landes, Chris Gottbrath, Jamie Prenkert, Director Scott Ailes, Alicia Templeton, Tari Thompson, Becky Sumpter, Heidi Freed.

On the Edge

The Wall Came Down

Rebels

A New Decade

Flag Burning



Jon Marsh climbs the spiral staircase to the catwalk in the auditorium, demonstrating that he is living "on the edge."

Crash Brings Questions?

"This crew . . . is dedicated to finding the cause of this accident so we can never have it happen again," claimed Captain Al Haynes after his United Airlines DC-10 aircraft crashed in Sioux City, Iowa. The plane went down at the Sioux Gateway Airport where it flipped and broke apart just short of the runway.

Of the 296 individuals aboard, there were only 185 survivors. The flight crew never doubted that the stricken jetliner would make it to the airport, but hundreds of emergency workers were waiting at the airport to help the survivors to safety. Aviation experts credited Haynes with keeping the craft aloft until he reached the airport. However, Haynes declared, "There is no hero."

Captain Haynes insisted, "We must not forget that 111 people perished in this accident." However, this crew did not intend to forget this fact as they searched for the cause of the accident in order to prevent another disaster of this type.

-Amye Burns



Captain Al Haynes of the DC-10 jetliner is reviewing the wreckage left after the fatal plane crash.

Lucy Made Life a Ball

Earlier this year the world said good-bye to one of entertainment's true legends. Lucille Ball was born in 1911 in Celoron, New York.

In 1940, when a Cuban musician, Desi Arnaz, spotted this beautiful red-head, he immediately wanted to know who she was. A few months later, wedding bells were ringing for the happy couple.

Although Lucy appeared in more than 80 pictures, her movie career was really only an introduction to her television career. Her success was mainly due to her "I Love Lucy" television program.

Her audience will always remember Lucy for the laughter she brought into America's households. Her legacy of laughter will live in the hearts of her viewers for years to come.

-Christi Wise



Will It Work in Nicaragua?

Did democracy stand a chance in Nicaragua? The answer to that question depended on Violeta Chamorro as she tried to consolidate Nicaraguan democracy after her victory over the Sandinistas.

Change occured every day. The hardest part of dealing with change was being able to adapt to new surroundings. Adapting was something Nicaraguans were getting used to dealing with ever since Violeta Chamorro's upset over Daniel Ortega.

Through the years Nicaragua had changed from a dictatorship with such people as Fidel Castro, Erich Honecker, Manuel Noriega, and Muammar Quaddafi as allies, to a friend of the United States. The real power struggle within Nicaragua was between the Sandinistas and the Contras. Sandinista loyalists were backed by the hard-nosed leader Fidel Castro while the Contras, or "freedom fighters", were a group supported by the United States.

The credit for Nicaragua's sudden economic reversal was not attributed to any one person. The countless soldiers who battled and gave their lives to fight for what they believed in should be given the credit for this victory of democracy.

-Christi Wise

Change Reflects Surge of Democracy

Freedom — a word common to any American was once rare in other countries throughout the world. Americans were not aware of all the changes going on on the other side of the globe. For the first time since the Soviet Union was formed, it was beginning to feel overwhelmed by the strength of nationalism. This nationalism started a chain of reactions.

In order for democracy to take place, there had to be many changes occur throughout other countries. These changes began with the crumbling of the Berlin Wall. Never in history had such excitement raised the attention of the entire world. People began to realize from that moment on how freedom and independence should be appreciated.

Democracy was beginning to take control and spread throughout the entire world. Focusing on the U.S.S.R. set a basis for the rest of Western Civilization because of the U.S.S.R.'s power and size. If this could happen to the mighty U.S.S.R., then what was stopping every other country from becoming democratic.

Once a single structure of great size, the Soviet Union was collapsing into an urgent demand for independent-minded republics and ethnic groups. The Soviets did not consider nationalistic interests when they took control of certain areas like the Baltic States. Also, the Soviets had a diverse population.

Most of the people were Russian, but there were numerous minorities which made change inevitable.

Another aspect to consider when thinking about U.S.S.R. was their leader. Mikhail Gorbachev, a symbol of change and hope for a motionless system, did not want to abolish Communism. He wanted to save it by transforming it to mix the policies of an open society and the economics of a closed society. This could have been a messy and dangerous experiment, but along with the desire to acquire this freedom came danger. What Gorbachev did to save the empire would affect not only his country, but the world.

Every leader throughout the world wanted his fellow citizens to reconcile themselves into a whole and modern society. What they forget to realize was the extreme change that must take place in order for unity to occur. This change was started by a catalyst, in this case, Gorbachev.

There were several Soviets who felt trapped in the world around them. These people were the people who wanted a change. To them, change included many reforms that were important to them, making the need for change even stronger.

Soviet changes could be compared as the dead hand of the past versus a vigorous, risky plunge into the future. For many years the citizens of the U.S.S.R. had lived with the contradiction of Soviet pride and Soviet shame. They had the satisfaction of knowing their country was a super power and the frustration of living with a backward economy. The Communist countries could not compete on a global level; therefore, they had to change.

The people — those tiny units in society that powerful governments often overlook — were the real concrete of the economy. Change, though unavoidable, may have made these "units" begin to crumble, causing the concrete to either stand for many generations or fall like a load of bricks.

This world of ours had brought many hopes and fears. There was a time when the U.S.S.R. was feared by all; however, the country and the fierce Communist Party were beginning to fear the changes around them.

-Christi Wise

Oil Spill Raises Attention

Americans reacted with shock in March of 1989 when the Exxon Valdez fouled Alaska's waters. The Exxon Valdez, a 987-foot tanker owned by Exxon Shipping Co., struck the Bligh Reef about 25 miles from Valdez, Alaska.

As the tanker struck the reef, holes were ripped in its hull, gushing millions of gallons of thick crude oil into Prince William Sound. The result was the largest oil spill in U.S. history.

Thousands upon thousands of people have helped to clean the oil-fouled shorelines, but as one environmental disaster consultant said, "a spill of this size in such a complex environment promises to be a cleanup nightmare."

The effects of the spill were devistating to sea life and plant life along the shores. Exxon has said it will re-evaluate the shorelines and decide then whether to resume the cleanup on a larger scale.

Until then, the shock this spill had on Americans was not the only shock that had to be faced. Exxon also had to endeavor a shock. This shock is one that could cost them $700 million.

-Christi Wise



The Goddess of Democracy, stands here surrounded by pro-democracy protesters in Tiananmen Square, Beijing. Nearly one million people poured into the streets to surround the statue.



One of thousands of cleanup workers is found here walking along the shore after the devistation the Exxon Valdez left on Alaska's shores.

TRIVIA

TIME's Man of the Decade was Mikhail Gorbachev.

Mohammed Abu Talb, a Palestinian suspected in the December 1988 Pan Am Flight 103 explosion over Lockerbie, Scotland, which killed 207 people was convicted to a life sentence.

Robert Penn Warren, the only American writer to ever win Pulitzer Prizes for both fiction and poetry died at the age of 84.

Billy Joel's song "We Didn't Start the Fire" summerized events that have occured throughout the world.

Breaking Up

One day, John and Marcia (not their real names) were two young, head-over-heels-in-love kids. The next day, John was out with his buddies (because he needed some "room") and Marcia was at home crying her eyes out and burning anything and everything that John had touched (except herself.) Why? Was it necessary? Nope!

For many people, this was at one time a familiar occurrence in their lives. Others had never known the pain of breaking up. Were they considered lucky? No way! What was unknown to many was that breaking the "love bond" could be a whole lot of fun!

Many newly single people were stuck with a bunch of useless junk that just cluttered up their living space. Some of these objects included pictures, "love" notes, rings and other assorted jewelry, little items and trinkets (from such memorable occasions as the first date, year anniversary, etc.), and a million and one stuffed animals. After breaking up, it was tradition to "get one's stuff back" or trade back items that had been previously traded. As a new twist to the tradition, some people chose to hide all of the ex-significant other's belongings — put them in trees, under cars, in the next state, in a sibling's gerbil cage — anywhere that would cause the "ex" to search high and low for them — then sit back and laugh while the little heart-breaker went bonkers. It created wonderful Saturday night entertainment!

Most couples had gobs of pictures; of him, of her, of them . . . the list was endless. While there was something hilarious about burning pictures, some new singles were a little more creative! Some made a collage, a mobile, or a dart board, while others switched heads with other people or drew zits on the faces. One student even went so far as to have a Picture Defacing Party. It was practical — destory old memories and lift down-trodden spirits at the same time!

While these were only a few suggestions, they could have been the beginning of a new trend. Instead of sitting around, moping, crying, pitying, and hating the "ex," more constructive, if not fun, ways could be derived to help heal the broken heart.

— Dawn Boothe

Saturday school
A Positive Alternative

NorthWood instituted a new disciplinary program during the 1989-90 school year. With the goals of keeping students in school and decreasing out-of-school suspension, NorthWood followed the example of other area schools and installed the Saturday School program. "The program will allow a student to continue his or her education without interruption by staying in school during the week, and will also allow him or her extra time to improve his or her studies on Saturday," explained Mr. Coffin at the first of the year.

Saturday School was held in the cafeteria for eighteen Saturdays throughout the year. Various teachers supervised the program, held from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. In the 3½ hours that were provided, attending students were required to work on homework or appropriate materials to keep them busy. Games, cards, radios, food, sleep, visitors, and conversation were among the forbidden activities.

Failure to show up on the appropriate day led to a reassigned day or suspension from school. Absences that were classified in the NorthWood student handbook distributed at the beginning of the school year were excused, and another date was set for any of these. Unexcused absences, also treated the same as any normal school day, resulted in suspension or expulsion from school.

Parents were notified of Saturday School assignments through a letter which cited the student's name and disciplinary problem and explained the purpose of the new program.

Most people agreed that Saturday school served to maintain the student's attendance in school. Whereas disciplinary action used to mean the removal of the student from the school routine, Saturday School kept the student in an environment enabling him to continue academic progress with alternative disciplinary measures. Mr. Coffin summed up the program saying, "Teaching students to be responsible citizens and adhere to guidelines that have been established is a challenge we must meet. Our school and community will benefit from this type of program."

— Jessica Hofer

Express Yourself

Rebels. Heathens. Weirdos. They could usually be spotted in a crowd. They went against the grain in almost every aspect of life — their clothes, their hair, their music. They went out of their way to beat the status quo.

What did students think of rebels? According to Brandi Miller, "Society thinks less of them because they're different." When it came time for spirit week, Rebel Day was always included. How was that justified? Riley Snook said, "Its kind of a game — people like to dress funny and laugh at each other. There's no conviction behind the way they dress."

Rebel day allowed everyone to let the "rebel" out, letting their hair down and going wild. On this one day, all students felt free to express themselves.

— Dawn Boothe



Andrea Orn and Brandon Lee enjoy dressing for rebel day.

License Revocation Holds Students Responsible

Quitting school was a bad idea. Not only did it mean no diploma, but it was about to mean that your driver's license would be revoked until the age of twenty-one.

Legislators were attempting to pass a law that would cause the license revocation of any student who quit school. Under the law, the license would not be returned until the student reached the age of twenty-one. Before the law was passed, there was only one way in which a student's license could be revoked — by the vice principal. This policy was created in order to better insure teenagers' responsibility both in and out of school.

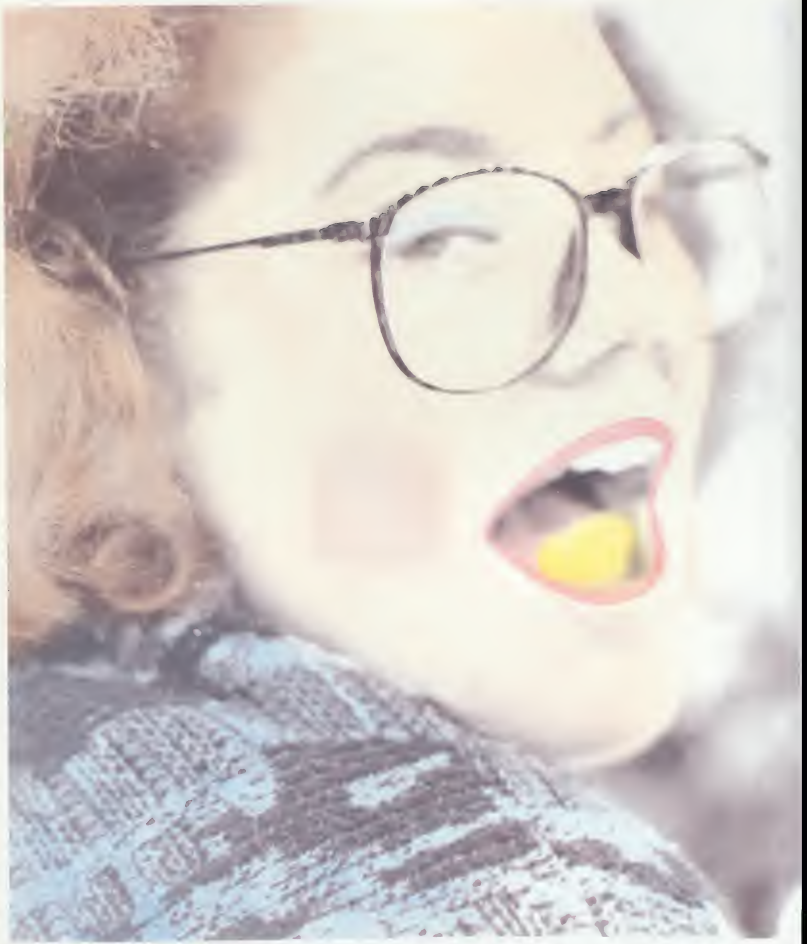
Reasons for license revocation included expulsion or two or more suspensions from school, situations that involved only a small number of students. Because of this, while the policy raised some varied opinions from students, several students felt that, like teen pregnancy, it would never happen to them.

Others felt that the state was going too far in allowing the school to affect their personal lives in such a dramatic way. After all, in communities as small as Nappanee and Wakarusa, where public transportations is not available, this policy could even interfere with a teenager's ability to get to work.

In order to stay in possession of a license from the time it was issued, a student simply had to avoid the two most serious areas of disciplinary action — suspension and expulsion.

— Hope Atwater

Flourescent gum, tortoise shell glasses, and a sassy look are just part of Kristi Lehman's individual expression.



Diana Meyers

Copes at NorthWood

Dropping out of school involved consequences that many kids realized only after they had made their decision to quit. Diana Meyers was one student who found this true. However, she rose above her problems and returned to school to pursue her goals.

Diana's first full year was the 1989-90 school year. She returned as a twenty-four-year-old sophomore filled with dreams for her and her son's futures. Those dreams included knowledge and a better education than she already had.

Diana had been working at a factory before she made her decision to return. "I got so tired of getting up every morning, going to work in a factory. I had worked in so many factories that I knew that was not what I wanted to do for the rest of my life," she stated.

Her only alternative was to return to school. "By coming back," Diana said, "I have so much to look forward to." Among those advantages were her education, a diploma, a career, and pride.

However, there were many challenges she faced upon her return. First of all, she had forgotten most of what she had learned eight years earlier. She also stated that she was not as bright as other students at NorthWood when it came to learning and understanding.

Because of her frustrations, Diana went to her counselor asking for help. However, the school was not legally able to assist her since she was over the age of twenty-one.

Consequently, she was sent to Vocational Rehabilitation Center where she was tested. Upon receiving the results, she was informed of several learning disabilities she had acquired. She was also told that Vocational Rehabilitation would not be able to help her because she was still in high school.

This information further depressed Diana and caused her to turn to the local community for assistance. First, she printed a letter in the Nappanee Advance News to explain her problem. Her next action was to start a petition which resulted in her acceptance to Vocational Rehabilitation.

Although the struggles she had were numerous, Diana Meyers came out on top. With confidence and pride, she finished her sophomore year and planned to finish her education at NorthWood.

-Sheila Helmuth

. . . Of the Past Decade

New Year's Eve — there were parties just as any other December 31. This New Year's Eve was different, however. It marked the end of an old decade and the birth of a new one.

The eighties were unique times. It was called the "ME decade" because it seemed as though the main goal in life was to look out for "number one" and to do whatever it took to get ahead.

The eighties saw everything from the birth of MTV to the fall of communism; the demand for home computers to computer viruses. It saw the country swept by the release of Michael Jackson's hit LP, "Thriller." It was consumed by the cola wars between Coke and Pepsi. There was the concept of 1-900 numbers and the division of a country over whether Oliver North was a hero or a traitor in the Iran Contra Affair. And let's not forget the new space program which changed from using rockets to shuttles, and the fatal explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger. Natural disasters also swept the nation with both Hurricane Hugo and the California earthquake, causing extensive damage.

As we looked back over the eighties and saw all the changes, we could not help but wonder what the nineties held. As the sun rose on January first, a new and exciting decade was on the edge of the horizon.

-Misty Myers



Blood Drive
Helping to Save a Life

Having just gotten his ear "pierced" for a drop of blood and his temperature taken, Jake saw that a little snack was in order. He had heard that if he would just give away a little bit of his blood, he could have as much food to eat as he wanted — and it was free!

But now he was beginning to have second thoughts. There were five people waiting ahead of him, but the line seemed to be moving very quickly. As Jake sat snacking on the doughnut holes and Pepsi that were provided, he noticed a lady standing over him with a smile on her face. "It's time," she said. He followed the woman over to a table and took his place on top of it. He saw a nurse coming toward him and thought to himself, "This is it."

The Red Cross came to NorthWood on March 9, 1990 to conduct a blood drive. There were several stipulations as to whether or not a volunteer could be a donor. Those who were seventeen years old or older, weighed at least 110 pounds, had never had hepatitis, and were just all-around healthy were permitted to give.

Many people took part in the blood drive. Students took time out of their school day and adults took time out of their work day to donate blood. Many donors probably felt as Sheila Helmuth did when she said, "I gave because I wanted to help someone else who needed blood."

Others, however, like Jake, gave blood simply to get out of class and have a snack. In what seemed like seconds, Jake was done. He was escorted to the canteen where he saw the food. As he sat eating, he thought, "That wasn't so bad. I think I'll do it again in eight weeks. Wow! This food tastes great!"

Whatever the reason for the large turnout of students, teachers, and community members, the Red Cross appreciated the support of the Wa-Nee Corporation

-Hope Atwater



Teen Court
A Good Experience

On December 1, 1989, a new program that gave a positive approach to peer pressure for local teenagers was started in Elkhart. This program was appropriately named Teen Court.

Teen Court was put together by the Elkhart Youth Services Bureau along with the assistance of the Juvenile Probation Department and dealt mostly with first-time offenders between the ages of ten and seventeen who had already pleaded guilty to their crimes. These individuals also chose to come before a jury of their peers.

Nearly one hundred and fifty local teens volunteered to serve in the court process. All of these volunteers went through a training session to learn their actual roles in Teen Court. The seriousness of their actions was stressed to these individuals. The crimes the court had to deal with were actual crimes, so the volunteers needed to be serious about the hearings.

Several NorthWood students were involved as volunteers in Teen Court. Among them were Jill Hunsberger and Missy Brumbaugh. Since Teen Court was run like a real court, Jill felt it was "a good experience if you wanted to get into law or just wanted the experience." According to Missy, "It is so real. We're actually deciding someone else's future."

In the hearings, the volunteers served as prosecuting and defense attorneys, court clerks, bailiffs, and jurors. The teen jury listened to the criminal cases and then sentenced the offenders. Most sentences involved payment for damages, community service, essay writing, and written or verbal apologies. The offenders were also required to serve on the teen court jury at least one time.

The program was funded through the Indiana Department of Mental Health. Their goals included helping kids learn responsibility, as well as reducing the crime rate among juveniles.

Since not many juveniles or their parents were originally aware that Teen Court was an alternative to an adult court for their offenses, the program was expected to take a while to get a good start. Once the option was made known, the program was expected to be a strong, widely used system.

-Hope Atwater and Sheila Helmuth

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

Do you feel this alternative justice system is fair?

If you were arrested and given the option of appearing before a teen court or an adult court, which would you choose and why?

If you were given the option of serving on teen court, what position would you choose and why?

No More Junk for NorthWood

Joe Schmoe sat anxiously watching the clock in his third hour biology class. He didn't watch the filmstrip. Three minutes before lunch, Joe began chewing his nails. Two minutes, his legs began to shake. One minute, he began easing himself out of his desk. Sweat broke out on his forehead and splashed to the floor. Fifteen seconds, the tension stood out on the cords of his neck; the anticipation danced wildly in his eyes. "Class dismissed," said the teacher. Joe Schmoe was out of there like greased lightning.

In the past, it was not uncommon to see kids leaving the cafeteria with five or six cookies, a shake, a couple of twinkies, and a "ho-ho." "The whole idea behind the removal of the snack line was to promote healthier lifestyles. We teach you as freshmen how important proper nutrition is and the snack line doesn't reinforce it." said Mr. Bonacorsi. "I think it's stupid," senior Laquita Hershberger raved. "If we want to put junk in our bodies, it's our choice." From the flip-side came Doug Pierce's comment, "It's good. People are too fat."

Students weren't the only ones affected by the change. "After taking it out they lost money and had to raise the price of a lunch to $1.25," said sophomore Tim O'Malley. Lori Hoffman, a senior, stated, "There's no reason to take it out. Now some people won't eat anything."

The teachers thought it was a good idea. By a unanimous decision made by the cooks and the faculty at a faculty meeting, the snack line was history. Mr. Beachy said that the students got too hyper. "I need my sugar high," one junior said.

There were no riots, rallies, or protests, but there was a general feeling of "it rips." Senior Lori Hoffman offered one solution: "If you buy a lunch, then you should be able to get something (from the junk line.)" Although the junk line was not *completely* abolished, (the cookies were kept, but students had to wait fifteen minutes after lunch started to buy them) it just wasn't the same.

-Dawn Boothe

Opinions

"I think flagburning should not be allowed. It is degrading to one of our country's symbols of peace, our own American flag. Our flag should be cherished, respected, and made to last. We live in a free country. Let our flag live." Stated, Sophomore, Kristi McGowen.

"Burning the flag is a contradiction of the First Amendment." Stated a junior, "When you burn the flag, an article representing our country, you say that our country's constitution does not necessarily apply to a person, therefore they have no rights at all."

"Flag burning is wrong because other countries burn our flag as a protest to our country and it's government. If we burn it, it seems like it's a protest," stated junior Tina McDonald.

Karen Reinhardt, senior, stated, "I don't think flag burning is right because it represents our country. If we burn the flag, then that, to me, means we don't care about our country."

"I'm against flag desecration because it is disrespectful of our country and it goes against everything that the U.S. veterans have died for and all that America stands for," stated senior Michelle Beron.

Freshman Jerry Stutzman stated, "Burning the American flag is a bad reflection of the people of the United States. Why would you want to burn one of our countries symbols? If you don't like our country, move, because flag burning is a disgrace to our country."

"I think burning the flag is wrong because it's disrespectful to our country and to all of the men who fought and died for our country, they should be proud of our country and thankful to everyone who fought and died for it," stated a senior.

"I don't think flag burning should be allowed. Since it is a symbol of America, when you burn it, it's like burning your own country and it's freedom," stated one freshman

The Red, White, and Blue

The Supreme Court limited the power of the states to outlaw the desecration of the American Flag. For most Americans their flag was the cherished emblem of liberty, justice and freedom. For others it was just a symbol of the American name.

Justice William J. Brennan who wrote for the court stated, "If there is a principle underlying the First Ammendment, it is that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea itself offensive or disagreeable." Brennan also stated, "We do not consecrate the flag by punishing it's desecration, for in doing so we dilute the freedom that our cherished emblem represents."

Many Americans had different feelings of the way the flag should be treated. Some thought that desecrating it was like degrading the country and it's freedom which is the liberty and justice of the American people.

There were many who supported Brennan including Justices Thurgood Marshall, Harry A. Blackmun, Antonin Scalia and Anthony M. Kennedy. These men helped in suspending the right of burning of the banner.

Although many felt that it was wrong, there were two sides to this issue. Since the flag was the symbol of freedom, it should not constrict the constitutional right to demonstrate freely.

-Debbie Lehman

The Supreme Court has limited the power of states to outlaw the desecration or destruction of the American flag.

Quiz

What are your feelings on the issue of flag burning?

Do you consider burning the flag a disgrace to America?

Do you consider burning the flag part of the freedom of speech?

How far should people go to defend the rights of the flag?

What do liberty and justice mean to you?

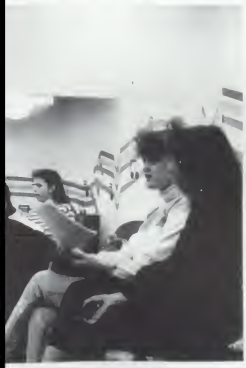


A New Groov E

for Choralaires Is Not Just the Same Old Thing

Row 1: L. Mestach, R. Mullet, T. Thompson, J. Carlson, K. Keota, M. Kauffman, B. Sumpter, B. Moore, J. Weldy, and M. Weldy; Row 2: S. Baut, H. Freed, A. Leal, J. Klotz, M. Stemen, K. Warren, S. Rouch, A. Templeton, J. Stutzman, M. Kauffman, J. Metzler, and Director S. Ailes; Row 3: T.J. Yoder, A. Huber, P. Basechnik, H. Bitting, M. Culp, M. Heckanast, and D. Frazier; Row 4: B. Thornton, J. Hunsberger, J. Smith, J. Hartman, D. Pippenger, C. Smith, M. Brumbaugh, L. Hartman, and J. Stutzman; Row 5: J. Graber, R. Nafziger, J. Evers, J. Housour, J. Evers, S. Rouch, J. Sholtey, C. Overholser, J. Prenkert, and E. Wright (Photo by Lifetouch)





Practice makes perfect for junior Choralaires members Cathy Warren and Steph Rouch. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Although the beginning was rough, Choralaires members quickly adapted to the new adustments. Junior David Yoder and Senior Ryan Mullet warm up their singing talent in class. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

After Mrs. Gilliam left for pregnancy leave, a replacement was needed. The administration found Mr. Scott Ailes. A big adjustment was in order for both the choirs and the new director.

"It was hard at first," he recalled. "Choralaires was the hardest to get used to. . .because there is such a diverse group of students." It was also the largest "class." Ailes worked with Dawning Generation, which was an extra-curricular activity until the 1989-90 school year. "Choralaires was the first classroom setting for me," he said.

One of his first duties was a surprise. "I had to organize the spring concert. What I didn't know was that I had to find music for all the groups, which took several days, come up with a program — all kinds of stuff I've never done before." Once they got going, however, the concert went smoothly.

One new happening was an organizational contest. "It was a big step for Choralaires," Mr. Ailes said. "I'm hoping we'll get a first division award."

Although it was a big adjustment for Choralaires and Mr. Ailes, progress was made. Through working together, they were able to settle into a comfortable new groove.

-Dawn Boothe

Before the night of Monica's "murder," Alex Dennison (Sam Brown) hands Monica Wells (Jill Hunsberger) a paper with the opening night listing of the play. (Photo by Heather Boger)



Sally Bean (Missy Brumbaugh) brings in donuts from Nora's coffee shop. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Mystery Brings Interesting Change

Alex (Sam Brown) pulls the trigger on the "supposed" murderer of his fiance, Leo Gibbs (Ryan Mullet). (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Rehearsal for Murder, the fall production, was a play within a play. Some students were skeptical as to whether or not they would like a mystery versus a comedy or a musical, but by reactions such as Nicki Adkins, "I liked it better than I thought I would," the play was a success.

Sam Brown was Alex Dennison, a playwright. He was trying to prove who murdered his fiance, Monica Wells, who was played by Jill Hunsberger. Most of the characters said they spent four to five hours outside of rehearsals practicing their lines.

Lana Hartman, who played Belle Lamb, had her bra, slip, and pantyhose taken from her dressing room before the Thursday night perfomance. "It was pretty embarrasing at the time, but now it seems funny," said Lana.

Supporting characters, Sally Bean, Karen Daniels, and Leo Gibbs, who were played by Missy Brumbaugh, Becky Sumpter, and Ryan Mullet, respectively, had a few comic lines throughout the performance. Leo and Karen were supposedly in the process of getting a divorce. Sally was Alex's newfound secretary who did not know much about the play business.

"Overall, the cast enjoyed putting on a mystery." As Jamie Prenkert who played Lloyd Andrews, the director said, "We liked it; it was a change. The students enjoyed the performance as well," he added.

-Stacie Yoder





Alex (Sam Brown) and Monica (Jill Hunsberger) are in her study discussing the reviews of the play before they enter her party for the cast members and production. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Belle Lamb (Lana Hartman) reenacts a scene Alex (Sam Brown) has written for her just to see if she may have had a motive for killing Monica. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

CAST LIST

Alex Dennison	Sam Brown
Sally Bean	Missy Brumbaugh
Monica Wells	Jill Hunsberger
Loretta	Alicia Templeton
Lloyd Andrews	Jamie Prenkert
Bella Lamb	Lana Hartman
Karen Daniels	Becky Sumpter
David Mathews	Curvin Martin
Leo Gibbs	Ryan Mullet
Ernestine	Jenni Smith
Frank Heller	John Weldy
Female Officer	Jeanine Klotz
Female Officer	Carrie Dearth
Mr. Santoro	Brian Moore
Mr. McElroy	Brad Umbaugh

PRODUCTION CREW

Director	Stephen Phillips
Student Director	Jenni Miller
Lighting	Steve Duesler
Sound	Scott Metzler
	Jason Miller
	Lloyd Wileman
Stage Manager	John Ferguson
Stage Crew	Jason Hite
	Susan Pierce
Mr. Brown's Dresser	Carolyn Johns

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Making Memories

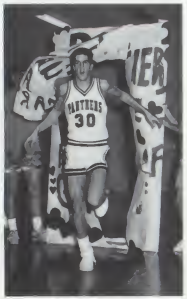
Sweetheart 1990 was held on the cold and windy night of February 16. The crowd did not care if it was cold as they dressed Hawaiian to show their school spirit and support for the Panthers.

The crowning of the queen and king took place between the Varsity and Junior Varsity games. Freshmen Jay Hartman and Mike Clouse unrolled the red carpet as the attendants and escorts waited to be announced. After everyone was in the correct place, the crowd became silent, and Alan Nunemaker was announced king. The crowd applauded, and then silence filled the air. Amy Pletcher, Deb Pippenger, and Tara Thompson said, "The 1990 Sweetheart queen is . . . Jenni Hartman." The cameras flashed as the crowd admired the king, queen, and court.

The Panthers didn't come out as well. They had a tough time against Bremen and were defeated by the Lions with a score of 57-44.

Following the game students attended the Sweetheart dance sponsored by Student Council. It was filled with hula hooping, volleying around a beach ball, and, of course, a dance contest. Winning the dance contest were Freshman Mike Weldy and Junior Tou Keota. The final event of the evening was a dance with your own sweetheart.

-Mandy Myers



Randy Cripe makes his way through the runthrough as the Panthers fire up for the Sweetheart game against the Lions. (Photo by Lifetouch)



The Sweetheart Court: Jason Hochstetler, Milla Aho, Seth Rouch, Therisa Finnigan, Jason Nunemaker, Eva Klopfenstein, Brian Huber, Chrissy Jessup, Alan Nunemaker, Jenni Hartman, Tad Gongwer, Corina Schmucker, Heath Fervida, and Lana Hartman. (Photo by Lifetouch)



Jason Hochstetler and Milla Aho



Seth Rouch and Therisa Finnigan



Eva Klopfenstein and Jason Nunemaker



Jenni Hartman shows her happiness as Chrissy Jessup crowns her. (Photo by Lifetouch)

Nathan Wiggins shows determination as he looks for an open man. (Photo by Lifetouch)





Freshmen Julie Traub, Jessica Brown, and Stesa Templeton show that they know how to get down at the dance after the Sweetheart game.(Photo by Lifetouch)



Alan Nunemaker and Jenni Hartman



Tad Gongwer and Corina Schmucker



Heath Fervida and Lana Hartman

Behind the scenes Steve Duesler operates the controls for the lighting and sound system during the spring musical. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Cast members John Weldy, Brian Moore, Ryan Mullet, Curvin Martin and Sam Brown perform "O'Lillibell" during the spring musical. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Perfectly Frank

New Production Style Challenges Students



In order to help relieve his anxiety before the big performance, Lloyd Wileman willingly warms up in the basement. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

The 1990 spring musical Perfectly Frank was directed by Steve Phillips. The musical was different than those of the years before. "It is a revue which means it is almost all music," commented director Steve Phillips. "It's a new concept, so it challenges the students and it is somewhat more difficult owing to the amount of music, which is less forgiving than is dialogue," added Phillips.

The musical reviewed the life of Frank Loesser, who wrote Guys and Dolls. The review contained fifty songs performed by seventeen cast members. Soloists included Alicia Templeton, Jill Hunsberger, Jamie Prenkert, Lana Hartman, Missy Brumbaugh, Becky Sumpter, Bryan Moore, and John Weldy. Alicia Templeton led the musical with narration, and former choir director Cathy Gilliam accompanied the cast members by playing the piano. Northwood's Pit Orchestra supplied the other musical background and effects.

The musical was the consequence of practices which consisted of two to three hours, sometimes as many as four times a week. As the performance approached, practices became longer and more intense, making the cast members "grow nervous."

There were also stage sets and props that had to be constructed and gathered. Students involved worked for hours to prepare the auditorium for the event Even though the 1990 spring musical was a little different from those of past years, "It was fun to be a part of the cast. You could act weird, and it was considered normal," commented Jeanine Klotz, one of the seventeen cast members.

The audience as well as the cast members said that while the revue was a different type of show, they truly enjoyed the performance. All in all, the time, effort, and hard work paid off in the end, and the cast was rewarded by the crowd's applause.

-Debbie Lehman





Two cast members, Sam Brown and Jeni Smith sing, "Where's Charley", a duet in the spring musical Perfectly Frank. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Led by Mr. Cole, pit orchestra members, including Brad Sherman, Mike Tiedge, Janae Wenger, Kristi Lehman, and Tina McDonald, prepare for the performance of the spring musical. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

H eave In Your Eyes N

The 1990 Prom was held on May 5 at Amish Acres. As they strolled through a romantic balloon archway, arriving couples were introduced by Mr. Andrews. The floor was filled with black, white, and silver balloons with helium explosions throughout Amish Acres and a balloon on each chair.

The night started with the strolling dinner bar. The food found at different locations, ranged from shrimp, nachos, and egg rolls, to friuts, vegetables, and desserts. The strolling atmosphere provide everyone with the opportunity to talk to many of their friends.

Prom Coronation took place at 8:30. After being crowned, Queen Corina Schmucker and King Tad Gongwer started the first dance. Couples gathered on the floor to dance the night away. After a few slow songs, the pace picked up with the playing of M.C. Hammer and other various popular groups. As couples arrived, they were video taped. Their pictures were later seen on the screens provided by the disc jockey.

Door prizes were given to various people during the evening. Jamie Prenkert, Deb Pippinger, Nathan Wiggins, and Stacey Abel, showing their school spirit by wearing red and black, were given best dressed. Jessica Hofer was named best in black. Sean Mahon and Jackie Rouch showed how they could get down and were awarded best dancers. The award for aerobic dancers went to Janine Diprato and Nicki Adkins while Tong Inthivong was awarded best Laosian stomper. To slow it down a bit, Martin Moneyheffer was awared best slow dancer.

After prom was held at the school and was sponsored by Psi Iota-Xi. There were music, casino games, and door prizes in the cafeteria. Those feeling lucky stayed until the end to see if they might win the $100 gift certificate from University Park Mall. Steph Rouch was the lucky winner.

The evening of the prom was memorable for all. For some it was more like "heaven" than for others, but in everyone's eyes, it was something that they would never forget. "I enjoyed seeing everyone dressed up, because you usually don't see them like that. I enjoyed the entertainment and the prom was something I will never forget", recalled Kellye Root, prom committee member, as she looked back on prom night.

-Mandy Myers

Heidi Hochstetler shows that slow dancing doesn't always have to be serious, as she spins around the floor with Mr. Fales. (Photo by Right Perspective)

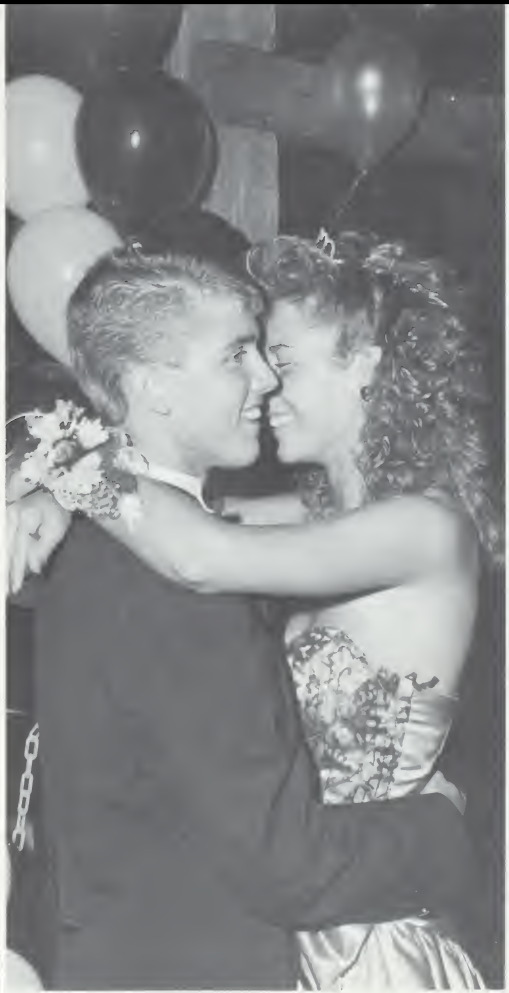




Lloyd Williams and Caroline Johns enjoy the dancing as they gaze into one another's eyes. (Photo by Right Perspective)



Joel Allen, Janine Carlson, Anita Huber, Rod Nafzinger, Kathy Warren, and John Graber enjoy the food as they take a break from the dancing to cool down and get a chance to talk to everyone. (Photo by Right Perspective)



Sheryl Martz and her date choose from one of the various food tables at the prom, where the fruit looks very tasty. (Photo by Right Perspective)





While attending the after prom, Steve Reinhart, Barb Filley, and Nicki Nettrour choose carefully where they will place their money, hoping to win the gift certificates at the end. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

After being crowned, King Tad Gongwer and Queen Corina Schmucker lead the first dance of the evening. (Photo by Right Perspective)

Spring Concert S

Singing Performing Recognizing

Seniors were recognized for their musical achievements at both choir and band concerts. Nineteen seniors were recognized at the choir concert. Mr. Ailes stated, "I've had the privilege of having these seniors help guide the choir and myself through this year." The seniors in choir were disappointed that the gift they had ordered was not in in time to present it to Mr. Ailes at the concert.

Five seniors were recognized and given awards at the band concert. "These kids stuck it out when there were many transitional problems in the band department. I wish all of them luck," stated Mr. Cole. As a token of their appreciation, seniors Sean Metzler and Murray Weaver composed and performed, with help from the band, "Mai liberane." Both music directors said they were sad to see so many talented musical leaders graduate.

The spring choir concert was presented on Saturday, May 12, 1990. There was a difference in format, with Freshmen Choir, Trebletones, Choralaires, and Dawning Generation all performing at the concert. Despite sophomore Pam Hattery's fear of not being ready, many members of the audience, parents and students alike, expressed their satisfaction of the performance. The seniors were disappointed that their slides did not come in in time to show during senior recognition at the concert, but Tara Thompson commented, "It was something I will always remember, anyway."

Some favorites that choir members enjoyed performing were "Please, Mr. Postman," "Maybe Someday (We'll Meet Again)," the senior song, and "One Moment In Time." Mr. Ailes summed up the performance stating, "All four groups did a real nice job."

Jill Hunsberger, Debbie Frazier, and Jennifer Smith sang solos because they had each received first division ratings at state solo and ensemble contest in February. Following each of their performances, the audience cheered. Most choir members were pleased with the performance but were glad it was over.

The spring band concert was also presented differently this year. Mr. Cole divided the band into two groups. Playing division one music, which is college level, was the wind ensemble on Saturday, May 19, 1990 in the auditorium. Playing division three music, were the symphonic and jazz bands on Tuesday, May 15, 1990. Many band members said they enjoyed the concerts better this year because they were divided. Many of the wind ensemble members enjoyed playing selections from "Les Miserable." The crowd gave Sean Metzler a roaring applause for his flute solo in "Concertino for Flute and Orchestra." As junior Brad Sherman commented, "It was a challenging concert and one I will never forget."

-Stacie Yoder

Senior Jill Hunsberger and sophomore Jill Stutzman hold out the last note of "Like An Eagle," a song the Choralaires performed for the spring choir concert. (Photo by Amye Burns)





Senior Jennifer Smith sings "Forever Friends" as her final high school solo performance at the spring choir concert. (Photo by Amye Burns)



While performing "Variants on an Early American Hymn Tune," junior Brad Sherman shows how dedicated a percussion player must be while playing in the Wind Ensemble. (Photo by Advance News)

Relief and excitement are expressions shown on Murray Weaver, Ryan Mullet, Brad Umbaugh, and Mr. Cole's faces as they exit the stage following the spring band concert. (Photo by Stacie Yoder)





Director, Mr Ailes, expresses his approval of the final number, "One Moment In Time," at the spring choir concert. Having completed her performance, foreign exchange student Adriana Leal shows an expression of relief. (Photo by Amye Burns)

The time has come

You can't turn back the hands of time, you can wind them up again

Graduation was a time they all waited for, a time they all thought would never come, but when it finally did, the question many of these seniors asked was,"what will the future hold for me?" It all seemed so blurred and unclear.

This was a time when everyone began to realize that they had to make decisions that would affect the rest of their lives. This weighed heavily for some, like Dawn Boothe, who thought this meant the end of everything she felt sure of. There were some, though, that thought this would be the happiest time they would ever experience. The confusion was great that night and the emotions were unescapable.

Graduation ceremonies were started with a prayer given by pastor Dennis Leinbach. The Validictorian was Alicia Templeton and the Saluditorian was Matt Bowers. The diplomas were handed out by Rex Holdeman and flowers were handed to senior girls by Superintendent Jerry Lelle.

The senior speakers, Jeff McGowen and Lana Hartman, both emphasized the fact that the class of 1990 was a new class, one that was going to lead the changes, as said by Lana Hartman. Jeff McGowen strove to prove that all goals can be met. "If you start with the small goals, the ones that once seemed impossible (would) be within reach," he claimed.

The high school band and choirs performed at the ceremony, the seniors' last performance. There were many tears shed when the choir began its final number, "Always a Friend."

For the senior class, this was a time to say good-bye to some for a little while, and goodbye to others forever. Either way, they would live by the motto, "You cannot turn back the hands of time, but you can wind them up again."

Graduation did not only consist of one night of handing out of diplomas. There were many activities that took place the preceding week. There was the pizza party on Wednesday during lunch, and the annual parade and trashing of the halls on Thursday. Friday the seniors had Commencement practice followed by a picnic, and finally the Commencement Ceremony. A busy time for all involved, emotions running high, several seniors said it was an experience that would not be soon forgotten.

-Brenda Schmucker



"We must not put ourselves first but be more concerned about others." Jeff McGowen strives to make this point to his class while giving his speech at Commencement. (Photo by Teresa Miller)





Let it fly. This is the thought as seniors Mark Beachy, Tyson Edwards, Pete Billy and Steve Blosser shoot off the giant sling shot toward the school. (Photo By Teresa Miller)

A soft touch and warm good-bye were given to Jeff Snider by Paige Gollatz after the Commencement Ceremony. (Photo By Teresa Miller)

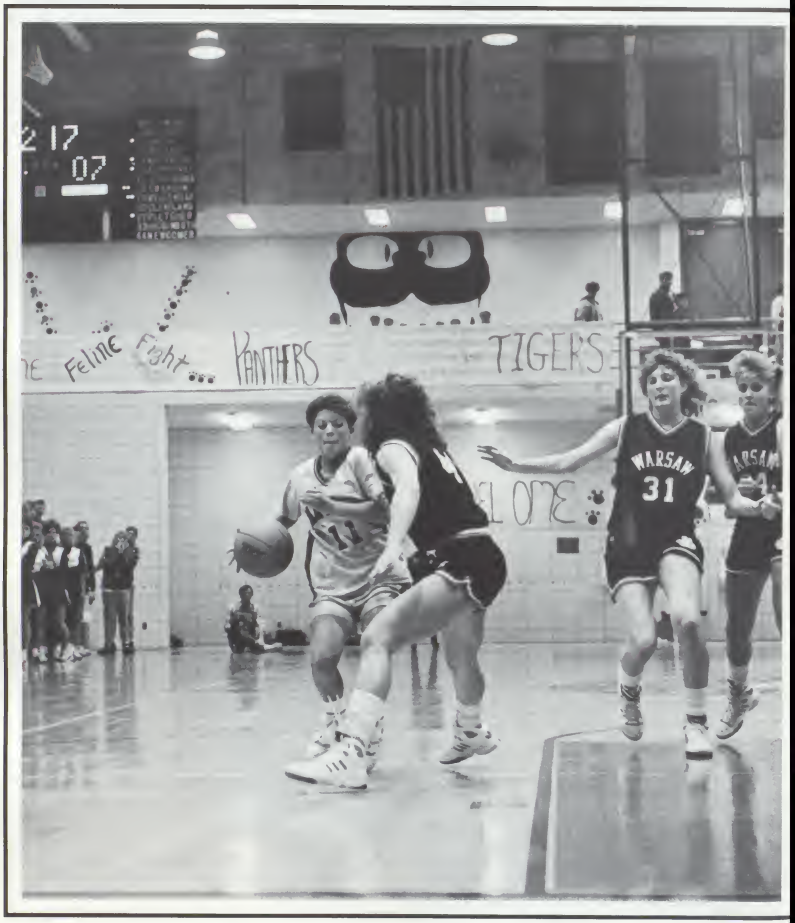
The thought of saying good-bye brought tears to some eyes, but there was also a sense of relief knowing that school was finally out. Hope Atwater and Dawn Boothe give each other a kind hug after Commencement. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Seniors Tony Clark, Curvin Martin, and Jay Crain sit, anxiously waiting to leave NorthWood once and for all. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



"Just as an Eagle needs wind beneath its wings to fly, we also need support in everything we do." This was the example Lana Hartman used in her graduation speech. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Talent is a must as Heather Smith shows by watching her Warsaw opponent while preparing for a lay-up. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Mike Engle attempts to get the ball past the defense as teammate Jason Hahn tries to hold them back. (Photo by Jason Miller)

Ed Witmer, Craig Croy, Jason Hochstetler, Tom Wysong, Steve Blosser, and Alan Nunemaker patiently await their turn to wrestle, as Alan gets some advice from Coach Lewis. (Photo by Amye Burns)



A Piece of the Action

The typical morning announcements might have said, "Today's activities include boys' basketball at Goshen starting at 6:15. Girls' swimming will begin here at 6:30." Even though NorthWood's various sports teams competed with each other for the support of fans, all teams played their best whether the stands were packed or attendance was low.

Everyone wanted to get in on the action that occured throughout the sports' seasons. Some chose to satisfy this need by joining one of the many sporting events that were offered at NorthWood, while others decided to go to simply show their support by attending all of the games.

Nearly everyone went to games regardless of whether or not they were in a sport themselves. Therisa Finnigan, a cheerleader and a member of the track team, commented, "At first, I just went to the match because I had the tennis spread to do for journalism class. After a while, I started to like going to games to watch my friends play."

No matter what the bleachers looked like, empty or full, all players played their best knowing that the school supported them one hundred percent.

-Hope Atwater

Spell Out Spirit



It was a GREAT year we worked hard over the summer and it really paid off! The whole year was successful and we had a lot of fun!
-Tara Thompson

If cheerleading were based on a winning or losing season, the varisty squad would have been undefeated. The Elkhart County Fair was the first victory for the varisty squad. They had an outstanding performance and were awarded the trophy as Grand Champions. The LaGrange County Fair came second where the varsity captured first place again. The junior varsity could not perform due to the injury of one member, so the freshmen entered in their place. They did an excellent job and won second place. The cheerleaders showed outstanding performances at every competition they attended.

Cheerleading took more than being able to do round-offs, splits, and a toe-touches. It required a good attitude and most of all the ability to work with others. Each girl had to have drive and determination to contribute to the structure of a good squad.

In October the cheerleaders held a clinic for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders interested in cheerleading. The girls were taught the basics. After the clinic was over, the girls were able to cheer with the NorthWood cheerleaders and help the Panthers to their Homecoming victory over Plymouth.

In February a clinic was held for the 7th and 8th graders interested in being future cheerleaders at NorthWood. During the four hour clinic, the girls were taught dances, jumps, pyramids, and cheers. The clinic was held to prepare the girls for tryouts at NorthWood which were held March 28.

The cheerleaders could be found at the school on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 doing aerobics, practicing cheers, and making signs to decorate the school, spelling out that school spirit.

-Mandy Myers



Brigette Bemiller, Jenni Hartman, and Keesha Flory wear their shades as they prepare to cheer the Panthers on to a victory.



Varsity cheerleaders: first row: Mandy Myers, Heidi Freed; second row: Jenni Hartman, Brigette Bemiller, Keesha Flory; third row: Tara Thompson, and Deb Pippenger.



Junior Varsity cheerleaders: first row: Mia Lechlitner, Chastity Stump; second row: Shelly Henschen, Melanie Bontrager, Nikki Speicher, and Therisa Finnigan.



The varsity cheerleaders perform the routine that won them first place at the Elkhart and LaGrange County Fairs at the Wawasee game. (Photo by Theresa Miller)

Jenni Hartman and Mandy Myers get the crowd to yell for the Panthers as Anthony Taylor and Jason Shafer lift them into the air.





Freshmen cheerleaders: first row: Rachel Pippen; second row: Stess Templeton, Theresa Eby; third row: Sammy Sheets, Colette Nafzinger, and Monica Miller.



Despite the bitter cold, the varsity cheerleaders keep their spirits high by building a snowman at halftime. (Photo by Advance News)

NEW COACH PROVIDES A LEARNING EXPERIENCE



It was a big adjustment having a new Coach.
-Mici Heckaman

Although the Varsity Girls' Volleyball team ended their season with a 10-19 record, the statistics did not show the level of play. Panther Coach Angie Olson felt that "the thing people had to realize was that everyone was trying their hardest to make the right decisions. The entire team put all its effort into doing its best."

The volleyball team suffered a loss after the graduation of several key players even though there were several players returning to spark leadership in a young team. Many players felt that the closeness the team shared also added to a united and more developed team.

The season drew to a close when the "Red Slam" lost in the first round of sectionals. "I was kind of disappointed in the way the season ended (losing in the first round of sectionals) because I had higher hopes for my senior season," remarked Amy Pletcher.

With the close of the season many awards were handed out. A. Swanson received Mental Attitude, Outstanding Server, and Outstanding Defensive Player Awards, A. Pletcher received Outstanding Offensive Player Award. T. Newcomer received the Most Improved Award. Captains were A. Pletcher and J. Weidenhaft. All-Conference 1st Team included A. Swanson, M. Heckaman, and Honorable Mention A. Pletcher.

The season ended quickly, but there was a lot the team learned. They learned that a volleyball team was not only six girls going on a court and playing hard. It was also a group of friends, a team of individuals, who grouped together for a season and became a unit.

-Christi Wise

Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
2,1	Jimtown	0,2
2,1	Goshen	2,2
0	Laville	2
2	Concord	0
2	Mishawaka	0
2	Rochester	1
0	Clinton Prane	2
0	Lafayette Jefferson	2
2	South Bend Riley	1
2	Plymouth	2
0	Penn	2
2	Bremen	0
2	Bethany	0
0	Northridge	2
0	Dekalb	2
0	Penn	2
0,1	Elkhart Memorial	2,2
0,0	Warsow	2,2
2,2	Wowasee	0,1
2	Mishawaka Marian	0
2	Fairfield	0
3	Elkhart Central	0
2	Triton	1
0	Goshen	2



Junior Varsity Volleyball: first row: Robin Pletcher, Sara Lape, Heather Smith, Nicki Heckaman, Coach Brenda Ervin, Brooks Beer; second row: Nicki Nettrour; third row: Pam Hattery, Nicki Lengacher



Varsity Vollyball: first row: Nicki Nettrour, Sara Lape; second row: Annissa Blosser, Coach Lisa Gautsche, Jennifer Weidenhaft, Stacy Cleveland, Angie Swanson, Kelly Crilow, Amy Pletcher, Coach Angie Olson, Tina Newcomer; third row: Micki Heckaman, Nicki Lengacher, Steph Rouch



Freshmen Volleyball: first row: Katrina Mullet, Michelle Miller, Coach Shelly Sanders; second row: Tammy Feltis, Julie Traub, Teresa Eby, Nicole Greenwalt, Collette Nafziger, Steph Reed, Janielle Hochstetler; third row: Heather Beck, Kary Hiatt, Missy Bemiller



Jennifer Weidenhaft concentrates on bumping the ball as Stacy Cleveland looks on, during a hard-fought game against Bethany. (Photo by Advance News)

Nicki Nettrour puts all her effort into setting the ball on the home court. She is setting up for the spike. (Photo by Advance News)





High above the net, Jennifer Weidenhaft gets ready for the slam against Bethany Christians' hard-hitting spiker. (Photo by Advance News)

Sophomore swimmer Lisa Stickley flies to the end of another lap. (Photo by Jason Miller)



Senior Stacey Cripe is congratulated by Lisa Stickley after her practice relay. (Photo by Jason Miller)



Swim to survive



The team was great and we had lots of fun even though we weren't as successful as last year.
Stacey Cripe

Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
94	Mishawaka	71
83	Manchester	84
96	Warsaw	66
123	Northridge	44
69	Wawasee	102
68	Concord	103
93	Bremen	78
77	East Noble	95
75	Elkhart Memoral	97
74	Culver Military	94
63	Elkhart Central	108
111	Goshen	58
95	New Prairie	74
99	Plymouth	70
121	Rochester	36
	Goshen Relays	5th
	Sectionals	7th
	NLC	4th
	Season Record	8-7
	NLC Record	2-3

With the adjustment to a new coach, Mr. Bill Spilman, the girls' swim team ended their season with a record of 7-7. They placed 5th in the Goshen Relays and took a 7th place in the sectionals.

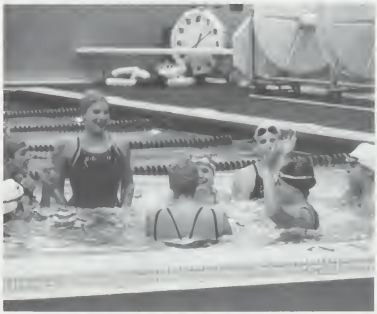
Senior Stacey Cripe had a sucessful season, breaking four individual records in the 200 meter free style against Northridge, the 200 meter individual medley against Wawasee, the 500 meter free style against Concord, and the 100 meter breast stroke against Elkhart Central. She was also voted MVP.

Stacey wasn't the only swimmer to have a successful season. With her help, the relay team of, Jeanne Berger, Paige Gollatz, and Lisa Stickley, broke the record for the medley relay on November 11 at the sectionals with a time of 2:05.47.

"I feel that everyone did their best, and as a team we pulled each other through the hard times," exclaimed Junior swimmer Heather Boger.

Even though the year wasn't as successful as the previous year, team members agreed that they worked hard and stuck together.

-Jessica Hofer



Lory Krull, Jeanne Berger, Maria Bontrager, and Lisa Stickley talk excitedly among themselves before a meet. (Photo by Jessica Hofer)



Senior swimmer Caroline Smith prepares for the meet by relaxing and doing breathing exercises. (Photo by Jessica Hofer)



Girls' Swimmers: row 1: S. Bontrager, A. McMillian, M. Hostetler, L. Krull, T. Mast; Row 2: J. Berger, M. Lutes, P. Gollatz, C. Smith, A. Chupp, L. Stickley, M. Bontrager, H. Boger, S. Wheatherton; row 3: D. Glassburn, S. Cripe, and Coach B. Spilman.

A SEASON OF CHANGE BRINGS DISCIPLINE



I really enjoyed tennis this year. Winning more than I was fun, too.
Jamie Prenkert

"The guys and I had to adjust to the new style of coaching of Kern Bough which was simply: a lot more dicipline," stated Sean Mahon. This, along with the youth of the team, made the season one of gaining experience. Although the team had a losing record, they had a better year than what they expected.

The team participated in the Dekalb Invitational, which consisted of seven tough teams. At number three singles, Justin Evers placed second, while at number two singles, second place was awarded to Jason Evers. The invitational ended very successfully.

Jamie Prenkert, team captain, was voted Most Valuable Player. While Ralph Lantz received Most Improved Player, Rodney Bontrager was awarded the mental attitude award. Jason Evers won the most single wins, while the most double wins was won by Pete Billey and Jason Miller.

Returning letter winners were Pete Billey, LaMarr Lakins, Sean Mahon, Jamie Prenkert, and Jason Evers. Rodney Bontrager, Jason Miller, and Justin Evers were also awarded letters.

Pete Billey stated, "Although we had a bummer year, the team always remained unified."

-Therisa Finnigan

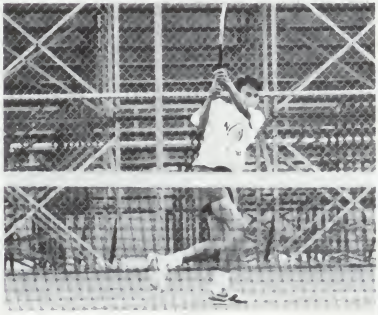
Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
5	Jimtown	0
2	Elkhart Memorial	3
1	Fairfield	4
2	Bremen	3
1	Plymouth	4
0	Goshen	5
3	Northridge	2
0	Warsaw	5
1	Wawasee	4
0	Concord	5
3	Elkhart Central	2
4	LaVille	1
1	CMA	4
	Sectionals	
5	LaVille	0
5	Jimtown	0
0	Concord	5



Tennis: first row: Coach K. Bough, M. Clouse, D. Tompos, B. Metz, L. Lakins, J. Prenkert, J. Evers, F. Hop, P. Billey, R. Bontrager, Asst. Coach T. Smith, R. Mullet, Asst. Coach M. Evers, G. Sterling; second row: R. Lantz, J. Miller, J. Evers, T. Wolf, C. Bush, S. Mahon, A. Lechltner, E. Litwiller, B. Inthivong



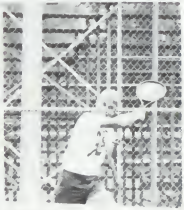
After the meet at Elkhart Central, freshmen Ben Metz and David Tompos celebrate their victory. (Photo by Nappanee Advance News)



Justin Evers has a winning backhand stroke against Goshen's #3 player that causes the match to go into a third set on NorthWood's court. (Photo by Nappanee Advance News)

On home court against Wawasee, Jason Evers follows through on a break serve to win the match. Jason ends with a winning season of 15 and 7. (Photo by Nappanee Advance News)

MVP, Jamie Prenkert, shows an aggressive forehand smash against Plymouth on NorthWood's home court. (Photo by Nappanee Advance News)





At home after a victory in a doubles match, Ralph Lantz and Alex Lechlitner gather their equipment before heading into the locker room. (Photo by Amye Burns)

Jay Crain and Stacey Hostetler tensely prepare to outsmart the opposition. (Photo by Advance News)

Jody Lengacher scrambles to the endzone for a touchdown against Culver Military. (Photo by Advance News)





Tong Inthivong and Heath Fervida diminish the rivals drive to score a touchdown.(Photo by Advance News)





"Team leadership was our biggest asset that led to our teams success."
-Jody Lengacher

STRIVING FOR SUCCESS

Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
28	Bremen	27
19	Concord	6
7	Goshen	10
21	Wawasee	19
21	Northridge	6
36	Marian	0
24	Warsaw	21
46	Plymouth	0
35	Culver	0
41	Lakeland	16
34	Northridge	21
14	Noll	42

The roar of the crowd was heard clear across town when the announcer said, "And here are the NorthWood Panthers." Tension and eagerness pulsed through the players' bodies as they stepped onto the field to attack the opposition. Panther fans also contributed to the panthers' success. They kept spirits up and cheered the panthers on to victories.

Disicipline began at the heart of the team — the coaches. What were the coaches like? Coach Andrews replied, the coaching staff had a good chemistry which is a catalyst to the success of Panther Football. They have a desire to teach some of the lessons of life to the players, while keeping the game in proper perspective. In the players' perspectives, the coaches were tough and fun to be with.

Being a coach required a lot of extra time. As Assistant Coach Dodson explained, "Time spent with the team affected time spent with the family."

Frustration occurred when some teammates stood around when improvement to the team was needed. Despite players' complaints, everybody knew that if they were going to succeed, they needed to work hard and improve.

Ben Hahn, junior offensive guard, said Fridays were special to him because he was able to see how valuable practice was. Ben got angry, though, when the team blamed one person for an error that was the whole team's fault.

With all their determination, the team led NorthWood to its fourth consecutive Sectional Championship and became the Regional Runner-up. In the players' opinions, "It was a good year!"

-Kellye Root



Tong Inthivong, Daric Leinbach and the panther pack show their faces of determination. (Photo by Jason Miller)



Varsity Football Team: row one: M. Weldy, R. Thompson, T. Geyer, D. Creech, M. Price, J. Sloat, T. Inthivong, A. Hartman, B. Green, B. Mitchell, T. Saengtavanh; row two: C. Croy, B. Metzger, T. Hall, B Warren, N. Engle, Coach Andrews, S. Hostetler, D. Leinbach, J. Markham, S. Pippenger, P. Johns; row three: C. White, J. Lengacher, Meneger E. Weirich, Manager T. Martin, Coach Seider, Coach Dodson, Trainer Paul Widner, Coach Neff, Coach Olson, Manager J. Holmes, Meneger E. Witmer, J. Hahn, S. Rouch; row four: H. Ferride, M. Ingle, C. Bontreger, E. Almeida, T. Miller, B. Snider, T. Miller, M. Carich, B. Hahn; row five: C. Salinas, R. Bradway, J. Thompson, J. Shafer, E. Ferrel, A. Nunemaker, B. Cleary, E Chupp, M. Williams, J. King; row six: N. Wiggins, J. Nunemaker, A. Taylor, M. Conrad, A. Martin, W Wingard, K. Studebeker, T. Panyako, J. Crain



Freshman Football Team: row one: A. Boyer, T. Hahn, G. Lewellen, E. McDougle, P. Vitsoucis, S. Engbrecht; row two: Manager J. Slabaugh, Z. Weaver, J. Larrison, C. Meples, J. Davidhizer, T. Miller, M. Anglemyer, J. Crewford, Manager C. Becker; row three: C. Bradway, J. Base, C. Troyer, Coach Hess, Coach Zercher, J. Hochstetler, M. Klotz, T. Dodson; row four: J. Chupp, M. Walp, M. Craven, B. Vicary, E. Weirich, B. Mishler, S. Bowers, Manager T. Holderman

Setting The Pace



"It was exciting to watch our team grow in size and experience. I liked the support fellow team members gave each other."
Amy Grimm

At the begining of the 1989 season, the girls did not have a full team. As the season went on, more members joined and met the standards of being a team. A young and experienced group of girls worked hard throughout the season. "The girls developed the necessary conditioning to compete in the highly competitive NLC conference," stated Fred Myers. The year was a time for laying the ground work for upcoming seasons through consistant improvement. According to Coach Fred Myers everyone planned to return next year, so the girls' cross country looked toward a promising future.

Along with a sixth place finish in the NLC conference championship meet, Amy Grimm was voted MVP by her team mates. Sophomore Kristie McGowen was voted Mental Attitude Winner. Another sophomore, Alexis LaGuardia was voted Most Improved. Co-captains were Kristi McGowen and Amy Grimm.

-Mandy Myers

Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
15	Penn	50
15	Laville	50
15	Northridge	50
15	Warsaw	50
21	Wawasee	46
36	Jimtown	20
21	Goshen	34
15	Plymouth	48
30	Bremen	26
15	Concord	50
15	Fairfield	50
15	Jimtown	50



Front row: Coach Kurt Hunsberger, Brad Schrock, Alicia Fish, Malena Schmucker, Riley Snook , Coach Fred Myers; Middle row: Lance Mestach, Brent Hochestetler, Gerald Miller, Monte Hartman, Derick Heckaman, Craig Yoder; Back row: Mark Cripe, Kristie McGowen, Tina Drudge, Amy Grimm, Alexis LaGuardia, and Kevin Sarber.



Amy Grimm sets the pace as her opponents trail from behind. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Alicia Fish and Kristie McGowen warm up in the A.C. before they go out and practice in the cold wind. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Kristie McGowen strides along the NorthWood course as Amy Grimm makes her way up. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Tina Drudge and Malena Schmucker warm up before they take on the course. (Photo by Teresa Miller)





Alicia Fish and Amy Grimm prefer the warmth of the A.C. as they warm up before they venture out into the cold. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Monte Hartman concentrates on his strategy as he paces himself through the race. (Photo by Amye Burns)

Brad Shrock, Gerald Miller, and Nic Davis work their way up on their opponents as they round the corner. (Photo by Amye Burns)





Lance Mestach leads the pack as he strides through the course. (Photo by Amye Burns)



At the beginning of the season I didn't think I'd be very good. It was a great feeling to be awarded MVP Kevin S

Striding For A Victory

Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
28	Penn	27
19	Laville	36
15	Northridge	41
33	Warsaw	22
36	Wawasee	22
15	Jimtown	50
26	Goshen	29
31	Plymouth	26
21	Bremen	34
19	Concord	36
32	West Noble	23
23	Fairfield	37
15	Bethany Christian	50

The Panthers were victorious at the Culver Military Acedemy Invitational for the third year in a row. Along with that victory, the highlight of the 1989 season was the Black Pack's second place finish in the Elkhart sectional. There was a two point margin between the championship and the Panthers. Although Elkhart was the winning team, it was the closest any NorthWood cross country team had come to a sectional championship. "We didn't win the championship, but we ran like champions. Every athlete on this team is a winner, and I am proud of them," said Coach Fred Myers.

Seniors Monte Hartman and Derick Heckaman continued the Black Pack tradition by setting the pace in an exciting and fun filled season. The keys to the year's success were the group of talented underclassmen combined with the experience of the two veteran seniors.

Kevin Sarber was voted NLC all conference as the "Pack's" number one runner. Derick Heckaman and Mark Cripe were voted as team captains. Riley Snook set a good example for the team and was awarded the Mental Attitude award. Monte Hartman showed improvement throughout the year and was awarded Most Improved.

-Mandy Myers



Riley Snook and Kevin Sarber show the endurance that it takes to be cross country runners as they compete in the meet against Penn. (Photo by Amye Burns)





Mark Cripe shows excellent form as he competes on the course at NorthWood. (Photo by Amye Burns)

Derick Heckaman closes his eyes as he searches for the extra strength he needs to pass his opponent. (Photo by Amye Burns)

Spectators.. NorthWood's best



The Panther aggressively shows the fans how to stay charged up during a big football game.

Sports fans played a very crucial part in sports activities. Who supported the teams when they were away from home? True NorthWood fans followed their favorite teams wherever they went, whether it was football, basketball, wrestling, or any other sport. However true, some sports attracted larger crowds than others. Even so, there was always a crowd at every sporting event. When a particular team went into final round competition, the fans were not far behind them.

No matter what kind of weather was forecast, NorthWood fans could not be discouraged from going to see their favorite teams compete. For instance, when the football team was preparing to attend the sectional contest, many mothers, fathers, cheerleaders, and football lovers went to the Activity Center to make spirit signs for the team. It was pouring rain and quite cold the entire time.

Did the players feel the fans helped pump them up before and during their competitions? Senior Mike Engle enthusiastically expressed his thoughts by commenting, "On the field, the crowd is the twelfth player." "It feels so good to know the fans are there for you and the way they get behind you gives a feeling importance. It really pumped me up!" stated junior Eva Klopfenstein. Other players commented that seeing all the signs along the road or in the gym made them feel terrific. It gave them an extra boost.

According to all the athletes, whether their season records were successful or not, they felt that the fans played a major role in their performance on the field, track, or court. Without the fans, the games seemed ordinary.

-Kellye Root



Performing "Summertime," Murray Weaver, Brad Sherman, and Mike Tiedge aid the band in increasing spirit during half time. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Even the youngest fans get involved with the spirit of NorthWood as they prepare to cheer. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



The captains club sets up a display of NorthWood souveniers for the spectators to purchase to help fund the sports activities.(Photo by Teresa Miller.)



Boogie down! Tiff Culp and Mike Weldy celebrate the Homecoming victory at the dance. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Victory is sweet. Amy Pletcher throws candy from the senior float during Homecoming festivities.(Photo by Teresa Miller)





"Go Panthers, Beat Warsaw" was one of many cheers the fans chanted as the Lady Panther's came within three points of defeating number one rated Warsaw. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

A look of triumph mixed with exhaustion crosses Tony Schmucker's face as the referee proclaims him the winner of his weight class in the Concord meet. (Photo by Amye Burns)

Craig Croy enjoys a solitary moment jumping rope before he competes in the sectional at NorthWood. (Photo by Amye Burns)





Freshman Toby Mishler receives a few words of advice from Coach Lewis before the Concord meet. Toby went on to win in his weight class. (Photo by Amye Burns)



"Success doesn't come easy it takes alot of hard work" — Craig Croy, MVP

Close Ties Bring Wins

Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
57	Northridge	16
39	South Bend Clay	22
50	South Bend Adams	18
50	St. Joe	21
70	LaVille	6
60	West Noble	18
46	Triton	27
43	Plymouth	26
63	Bremen	6
32	Goshen	30
44	South Bend Adams	16
32	Lakeland	33
48	LaSalle	26
42	Whitko	26
48	Fairfield	18
34	Wawasee	34
10	Warsaw	47
24	Concord	34

The gym was quiet except for the sounds of the heating system. The fans sat on the edges of their seats with their eyes glued to the two figures on the mat. The two wrestlers fought with all their might to hold each other down for the count to three. Suddenly the gym filled with cheers as the winner's arm was raised. The match was another victory for a NorthWood wrestler.

These cheers were a tremendous sound for the guys down on the mat. Junior and three-year wrestler, Ryan Eby, said that the crowds' "enthusiastic cheering" helped him the most in his wrestling matches.

Although winning brought a good feeling, it was not everything to the NorthWood wrestlers. The feeling of closeness kept the team going more than anything. Senior and four-year wrestler Steve Blosser said, "I thought our team was closer. We all worked well together." Another wrestler commented, "We were really close. When we weren't wrestling, we still did things together."

The wrestlers proved their closeness was motivational with their 14-3-1 record for the season. They also took fourth place in the N.L.C. and second place in sectionals.

Another exciting event that took place for these wrestlers was their win over Goshen. The NorthWood wrestlers had not been able to defeat the Redskins for at least four years. This year's team decided the time had come for their rival to be overthrown.

These accomplishments helped the team to stay close throughout the season and developed close ties that brought them more victories than losses.

— Amye Burns and Sheila Helmuth



Using a well-practiced move, Lloyd Williams attempts to pin his Concord opponent. (Photo by Amye Burns)



With tense muscles and a determined expression, Robert Kemp uses a wrestling move on his Concord opponent. (Photo by Amye Burns)



Wrestlers: Row one: R. Cripe, T. Mishler, R. Mullet, E. McDougle, T. Hahn, M. Chase, A. Culp; Row two: Manager G. Lewallen, J. Shapland, J. Davidhizar, T. Schmucker, Coach Lewis, R. Eby, R. Kemp, M. Anglemyer, Assistant Coach Mishler; Row three: Assistant Coach Olson, A. Nunemaker, C. Croy, L. Williams, T. Wysong, S. Blosser, E. Witmer, Assistant Coach Cannaday; Row four: T. J. Mishler, D. Tompos, B. Vicary, M. Kulp, A. Hartman

Swimmers Show Enthusiasm



While adjusting to the new coaching style, the NorthWood swimmers managed to hold on to their 11-4 record from last year. The guys started off the season with a victory meet against Goshen. Following the meet, Coach Spillman stated to the guys, "It has to be good when you win your first meet and swim above your expectations for this stage of the season."

Pete Billey led the team as captain for the year. Rodney Bontrager won the MVP award for swimming events and Ralph Lantz for diving. The most improved swimmer was accredited to Steve Purcell. The last of the awards was the mental attitude award that was given to Jeff McGowen.

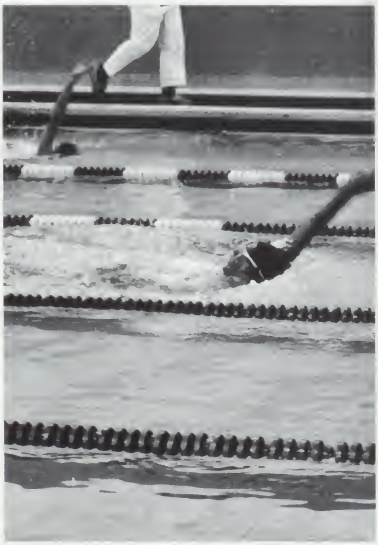
"As the season went on, the team grew together," commented Seth Rouch. The swimmers not only had to work individually but also as a team to reach their goals. One way in which the guys showed their spirit and enthusiasm before sectionals was to shave their heads. Jeff McGowen commented, "One of the most memorable events of the season was when I shaved the Marine emblem in Pete Billey's head."

-Therisa Finnigan

Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
96	Goshen	71
111	Washington	60
120	Rochester	41
103	Bremen	65
119	New Prairie	45
102	Memorial	69
112	Manchester	55
93	Warsaw	79
63	Wawassee	106
105	East Noble	64
91	LaSalle	80
61	Concord	110
78	Plymouth	91
115	Northridge	57
93	Mishawaka	75



Swimming; first row: Scott Bowers; second row: Glenn Shipley, Rodney Bontrager, Scott Smith, Mike Williams; third row: Seth Rouch, Jason Miller, Jeff McGowen, Kelly Culp, Coach Bill Spillman; fourth row: Jon Landes, Steve Purcell, Mark Cripe, Pete Billey, Ralph Lantz



Competing against Bremen at NorthWood, Jon Landes swims the backstroke in the Individual Medley. (Photo by Advance News)



Swimming the butterfly in the medley relay, Steve Purcell competes against Bremen at NorthWood. (Photo by Advance News)





Realizing the competition in the next lane is gaining, G. Shipley, S. Bowers, J. Miller, P. Billey, S. Rouch, and S. Smith encourage Mark Cripe to push harder. (Photo by Advance News)

Rooting NorthWood swimmers on at a home meet, S. Bowers, J. Miller, P. Billey, and S. Smith wait patiently to hear the results of the race. (Photo by Nappanee Advance News)

GIRLS BRING ABOUT SURPRISES

Enthusiasm, excitement, and energy were all three found at any one girls' basketball game. "I don't think anybody expected this group of girls to make it to the Regional finals after losing last year's group of seniors," expressed Coach Steve Neff. The girls worked hard all season and replaced the empty spaces of last season's team.

The season was full of many unexpected surprises. One such surprise was an eleven game winning streak in the middle of the season. The most exciting surprise was the team's home game against undefeated Warsaw. Inspiration provided the stamina for the girls to come within two points of a major upset. "The crowd played a big factor with all their support and enthusiasm," commented sophomore guard, Heather Smith.

Although the girls lost this game, they had an exceptional season. The season ended for the girls in Regional play against a rough opponent in South Bend LaSalle. Despite this defeat, they could be proud of winning their fourth straight sectional title the week before at NorthWood.

As the season came to a close, the following awards were given out. Honorees included seniors Amy Pletcher and Jennifer Weidenhaft as co-captains; sophomore Heather Smith as Most Improved; junior Eva Klopfenstein for mental attitude; Pletcher as outstanding rebounder; Weidenhaft as outstanding defensive player; and senior Angela Swanson as top free throw shooter. The honorees were a group of individuals who, when put together on the basketball court, performed to their capabilities. These capabilites helped the team conquer many unexpected obstacles.

-Christi Wise



In the Pit, Angela Swanson watches as her free throw goes through the hoop. After being fouled by a Warsaw Tiger, she recieved two free throws and made both of them. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Swish! 3 points! Heather Smith helped boost the Lady Panthers lead by making this 3 point shot during the girls' victory against Goshen.(Photo by Teresa Miller)

Nobody expected much out of us, and we proved them wrong. Heather Smith



Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
56	Jimtown	31
56	Elkhart Memorial	43
55	South Bend LaSalle	57
46	Bremen	56
55	Bethany Christian	40
54	Plymouth	38
61	Gary West	58
72	Wawasee	27
58	Northridge	31
65	Elkhart Central	42
62	St. Joseph	32
51	Rochester	41
45	Penn	41
49	Goshen	39
60	South Central	39
53	Michigan City Elston	60
45	Warsaw	47
55	Concord	57
55	Bethany	29
33	Bremen	31
56	New Prarie	51
54	South Bend LaSalle	61



NorthWood's biggest game against Warsaw attracts many fans, including WNDU Sportscaster, Chuck Freeby. Here he signs an autograph for Tim Miller. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball: first row: Heather Beck, Coach John Yeager, Mgr. Cathy Slabaugh, Pam Hattery; second row: Robin Pletcher, Brandi Miller, Carmen King, Alexis LaGuardia, Tina Drudge, Annisa Blosser, Sara Lape, Rachel Rogers

Varsity Girls' Basketball: first row: Mgr.Margaret Weirich, Mgr.Aileen Orn; second row: Jennifer Weidenhaft, Susan Higginbotham, Stacy Cleveland, Angela Swanson, Krista Scheumann, Amy Pletcher; third row: Heather Smith, Eva Klopfenstein, Coach Steve Neff, Tina Newcomer, Nicki Nettrour





Freshmen Girls' Basketball: first row: Mgr. Erin Guard; second row: Megan Hochstetler, Mgr. Milla Aho, Missy Bemiller; third row: Amy Rogers, Nicki Heckaman, Julie Traub, Kerrie Hiatt, Jessica Brown, Janelle Hostetler, Jill Best; fourth row: Nicole Greenawalt, Coach Brenda Ervin, Steph Reed

With a determined look and tense muscles, Derek Guard attempts to move around his Bremen opponent in the Sweetheart game. (Photo by Lifetouch)

Coach Bough, Jason Evers, and LaMarr Lakins seriously discuss a play while standing on the sidelines of the pit during the Wawasee game. (Photo by Teresa Miller)





Craig Bush attempts to perform a lay-up while surrounded by two Bremen players. Teammate Randy Cripe stands by ready to help. (Photo by Lifetouch)



"It was hard adjusting to a new coach, but we all worked hard and pulled together in the Sectional Game."
—Mike Conrad & Nathan Wiggins

Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
57	Northridge	69
52	Penn	73
21	East Noble	59
38	Tippecanoe Valley	95
42	Concord	68
38	Elkhart Central	73
40	Fairfield	61
52	Northridge	62
54	Mishawaka	65
60	Warsaw	90
46	John Glenn	71
60	Jimtown	38
46	Elkhart Memorial	57
36	Plymouth	55
36	LaVille	32
25	Goshen	48
53	Wawasee	75
44	Bremen	57
61	West Noble	74
54	Fairfield	68
44	Elkhart Central	48

New Coach Brings New Attitude

The crowd rose to its feet as the 1989-90 boys' basketball team swarmed onto the court. Behind them walked their new coach, Kern Bough, along with the rest of his coaching staff.

But Coach Bough did more for this team than walk behind them onto the court; he also stood behind his team with advice and support throughout their 2-19 season. He taught the group to work as a team — a family.

Eric Dudzinski stated, "He (Coach Bough) didn't know what he had to work with when he came here. He brought an excellent coaching staff in and started changing things around."

Bough came to NorthWood from Rockville High School. He said this team was one of the most coachable teams he had ever worked with. "This team worked very hard and never really gave up. As the season progressed, I think our players impressed many of our fans with their positive attitude and effort."

The only negative aspect Bough saw in this team was the fact of few wins. "However," he stated, "I think we established a new direction for panther basketball to follow in the years to come."

Summing up the year, Bough thought this team "worked hard throughout the entire season even though their efforts produced few wins." As far as Dudzinski was concerned, their team was as much a family as a team. "At the end (of the season), Coach Bough and the coaching staff were more to us than just coaches; they were our friends too."

-Sheila Helmuth



Varsity Basketball: Row one: Manager Ed Wairich, Statisticians Sigi Pederson, Julie Waldy, Jenni Miller, Managers Paul Johns, James Pippenger; Row two: Tad Doty, Nathan Wiggins, Randy Cripe, Derek Guard, Jason Evers; Row three: Assistant Coaches Zercher and Focht, Lamarr Lakins, Alley Martin, Craig Bush, Eric Dudzinski, Mike Conrad, Coach Bough, Assistant Coach Scobes



JV Basketball: Row one: Eric Allen, Chad Bontrager, Sean Mahon, Justin Evers, Gerald Miller; Row two: Manager Paul Johns, Todd Wolf, Tony Mast, Andy Katon, Nic Davis, Coach Zercher



Frashman Basketball: Row one: Mika Clouse, Trent Dodson, Shaun Waldy, Brad Schrock, Jamie Stuber; Row two: David Botset, Chip Bradway, Cory Troyer, Craig Yodar, Shaun Doty; Row three: Coach Gerber, Eli Wairich, Ben Matz, Brent Harkar, Jaramy Chupp, Assistant Coach Yodar, Manager Lanca Mastach (Photo by Tarasa Millar)

Back IN BLACK



Co-MVP's for track, Mike Conrad and Brian Cleary performed in the state meet.

The "Black Attack" struck again with quite a year with area newspapers dubbing them the "Big Meet Panthers".

The season began with a victory at the South Bend Classic. The Panthers then won the Goshen Relays for the first time ever, with a 1 point edge over the season rival, Northridge. The Freshmen-sophomore team destroyed all other teams at the Tippy Valley Invitational where they set the new scoring record of 134 points.

The team tour led the Panthers to the Warrior Relays where they defended their 4th consecutive title. Continuing the attack, the Panthers faced the meet of all meets — the Kelly Relays — to defend their 8th consecutive title.

Sharing the NLC conference championship with Northridge, the "Big Meet Black Attack" made its desire to win perfectly clear and finished the meet number one.

According to Coach Myers, the Panthers had a team with depth and some outstanding athletes. The team was led by two very motivational captains, Mike Conrad and Riley Snook. Outstanding attitudes abounded, so mental attitude awards were given to Mike Conrad, Riley Snook, Jamie Prenkert, and Jason Miller.

While the entire team showed consistent improvement, Most improved awards were given to Mike Conrad, Jamie Prenkert, Rod Bradway, and Bob Vicary.

The two members of the team scoring the most points received MVP awards,both competing in State competition. The MVP in field events was Brian Cleary while the MVP in running events was Mike Conrad, who also was named MVP overall.

Out of 350 schools and 700 athletes participating in the State Tournament series in Indianapolis on June 2, Conrad placed 11th in the 110 high hurdles, while Cleary placed 14th in the high jump.

-Mandy Myers

Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
89	Manchester	34
83	Warsaw	44
111	Bremen	16
108	Concord	19
110	LaVille	17
52.5	Northridge	62.5
	Plymouth	44
61	Goshen	50
	Wawasee	48
1st	South Bend Classic	
1st	Goshen Relays	
1st	Tippy Valley 9th and 10th Inv.	
1st	Warrior Relays	
1st	Kelly Relays	
1st	Freshman NLC	
1st	NLC Meet	
3rd	Sectional	
13th	Regional	

Brian Cleary skies high as he clears 6'4" at the Regional meet in Fort Wayne, where he placed 2nd in the event and qualified for the state competition. (Photo by Advance News)





Jamie Prenkert holds the blocks for Nathan Wiggins for the start of the 400m dash at NorthWood against Goshen and Wawasee. (Photo by Amye Burns)



Boys' Track, Row 1: Tohn Geyer, Pong Visetsouk, Brock Mahler, Row 2: Rod Newcomer, Todd Wolf, Jason Miller, Coach Fred Myers, Rod Bradway, Jason Shafer, Manager Chastity Stump; Row 3: Coach Jay Olson, Mike Williams, Jamie Prenkert, David Botset, Bou Inthivong, Thad Hahn, Jeremy Markham, Chris Maples, Nathan Wiggins, Mike Conrad, Coach Scott Tuttle, Row 4: Manager Steph Rouch, Carl Salinas, Chad Bitich, Monte Hartman, Mike Carich, Alex Lechlitner, Scott Smith, Manager Mandy Myers; Row 4: Chad Bontreger, Seth Rouch, Kevin Sarber, Riley Snook, Derrick Heckaman, Mike Tiedge, Scott Bowers, Row 5: Gerald Miller, Jason Nunemaker, Craig Bush, Mark Cripe, Andrew Katon, Bob Vicary, Brian Cleary

Having given his all, Jason Miller tries to catch his breath after earning 2nd place in the 400 m dash. Miller pushed Andy Eberly, 1st place winner, to break the Wawasee 400m dash record. (Photo by Amye Burns)

Jason Shafer helps Nathan Wiggins stretch out his calf after running the 3rd leg, winning the 1600m relay. (Photo by Amye Burns)







Jamie Prenkert gets up and out into the pit with a 19'8" at the Kelly Relays at Concord, scoring the first points of the meet as his jumps were combined with Nathan Wiggins, and Monte Hartman. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Taking the obvious lead, Mike Conrad looks on to the hurdle which he is approaching. Mike finished first in the event, and was awarded most points scored in the B class in the Goshen Relays. (Photo by Advance News)

Unity Helps Boost Lape to State

The 1990 girls' track team members may have been few in number; however, their spirit, teamwork, and the desire to win kept them competitive.

According to senior Jen Weidenhaft, the girls always cheered each other on. "We may not have had the talent like other years, but we had the desire, and desire is what will make you a winner," she added.

Micki Heckamen said defeating Goshen for the first time ever was one of the season highlights, but the team did not stop there. For the first time in NorthWood history, more than one person qualified for Regional competition. The relay team, consisting of Therisa Finnigan, Kerin Jackson, Marlene Martin, and Micki Heckaman, joined long jumper Sara Lape.

While the 400 relay team ended their season at Regional, Sara Lape placed fifteenth at State. The girls' accomplished their goal of the season: to do better than they had in 1989 while managing to uphold their team motto: NBA (No Bad Attitudes).

Captains for the 1990 season consisted of Jen Weidenhaft, Micki Heckaman, and Kelly Crilow. Micki Heckamen was awarded the Mental Attitude award and MVP overall. Receiving the MVP award for running events was Kerin Jackson while Sara Lape received MVP for field events. Jessica Brown was accredited Most Improved.

-Therisa Finnigan



Setting a new school record in long jump at the NorthWood relays, Sophomore Sara Lape takes first with a jump of 16'11". Lape remained undefeated until the Sectional meet and became the second female track athlete from NorthWood to qualify for State competition. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Girls' track include: Row 1: Lori Lemler, Kerin Jackson, Therisa Finnigan, and Marlene Martin; Row 2: Kelly Crilow, Jen Weidenhaft, and Micki Heckaman; Row 3: Alexis LaGuardia, Julie Traub, Asst. Coach Terry Lape, Melissa Espinoza, Amy Grimm, Alicia Fish, Coach Kirt Hunsberger, Rachel Rogers, and Danielle Vansickle; Row 4: Jessica Brown, Sara Lape, Kristi McGowen, Tina Drudge, Laura Rhodes, and manager Sean Miller; Row 5: Tina Newcomer, Krista Schueman, Amy Rogers, Jen Hunsberger, and Steph Weaver.



Competing at home in a dual meet against Concord, Kerin Jackson and Micki Heckaman start in the 100 meter dash. (Photo by Teresa Miller)





"The season went well because we worked as a team."
Micki Beckman

Our Score		Opponent	Their Score
76		Fairfield	21
76		West Noble	51
64		Goshen	54
69		Northridge	51
69		Plymouth	28
43		Wawasee	59
43		Warsaw	46
51		Concord	67
2nd	East Noble	Praire Heights	Fort Wayne Conordia
1st		Northridge Relays	
1st		NorthWood Relays	
5th		Goshen Relays	
5th		NLC	





Freshman Jessica Brown captures second place in the 100 meter hurdles at NorthWood Relays. Running a 16.4 in the NLC meet, Jessica also holds the school record in this event, beating the previous record of 16.9. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

High jumper Jen Weidenhaft hits the bar as she tries to clear 4'10" at the NorthWood Relays. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Although we didn't have the greatest season, we have the potential to be a good team in the future to come. Eric Patterson



Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
176	West Noble	181
190	Jimtown	218
188	Tippicanoe Valley	173
188	Bethany Christian	216
184	Penn	161
163	Concord	163
163	John Glenn	179
169	Triton	204
177	Westview	179
177	Fairfield	190
201	Wawasee	166
169	Plymouth	172
164	Concord	160
164	Northridge	173



Varsity Golf Team: Row 1: Coach Taylor, Tom Clouse, Batt Masterson, and Shane Pippenger; Row 2: Rob Mellinger, Gabe Sterling, and Eric Patterson



Gabe Sterling shows his intensity while he practices putting before the Triton match as Rob Mellinger, Tom Clouse, and a Triton golfer converse. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Tom Clouse seriously tees-off on the first hole of the team's home match against Triton while Coach Taylor anxiously observes. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Youth Prevails

"It was the best season from start to finish in five years with all underclassmen," commented Jay Taylor, Golf Coach. Even though this was a young team, with no seniors, they ended the season with a record of 9 wins and 5 losses, while the junior varsity held on to a record of 8 wins and 3 loses.

The season highlights were frequent for this golf team. The highlights occured for Coach Taylor "by having three golfers with a score of 41 or better". The players also highlighted the season by being able to reach some personal goals they had set. goals such as being able to beat fellow players. These objectives resulted in heavy competition within the team, competition which helped each of the players improve both on and off the golf course.

The awards were presented as follows: Eric Patterson-Most Valuable Player and Low Average, Gabe Sterling-Most Improved, Tim O'Malley-Sportsmanship, Rob Mellinger-Mental Attitude, and Batt Masterson- Team Captain.

Consistency remained a major factor in the team's performance throughout the season. Together, the golf team worked at achieving consistent scores in order to prove their dedication to the student body.

-Christi Wise





Junior Varsity Golf Team: Row 1: Coach Taylor, Greg Haney, Mike Klotz, Paul Mullet, and Jeremy Brandt; Row 2: Todd Miller, Brad Thornton, Todd Mast, Tim O'Malley, and Derek Odiorne (Photo by Advance News)





Practice makes perfect, at least that's what Paul Mullet and Rob Mellinger believe. Here, they are preparing for a match against Triton.

Before he tees-off from the sixth hole of Nappanee's golf course Eric Patterson takes a few practice swings to make sure he has his stroke perfected.

Team Captain,Kham Keota., shows true concentration as she puts her much practiced forehand swing into motion.

MVP, Shelly Kindig, races to the ball in order to return the opponents swing.





First year player, Diane Whelan rushes to hit the ball before it is out of her reach.





I was really pleased with our team this year. We had five openings on varsity and I thought our people filled them very well for not being all that experienced. — Shelly Kindig

Tenacious tennis

Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
5	Fairfield	0
4	Elkhart Memorial	1
5	LaVille	0
5	Northridge	0
3	Goshen	2
4	Bremen	1
0	Plymouth	5
3rd	Elkhart Memorial Inv.	
5	Wawassee	0
4	Concord	1
3	Mishawaka Marian	2
5	Warsaw	0
5	Jimtown	0

As the ball approached, millions of thoughts rushed through her head. "Gosh, I shouldn't have eaten those three candy bars! The pressure's all on them! Think Happy Feet! Hit high. . .to low!"

The 1990 NorthWood Girls' Tennis season started out rough when five out of the seven varsity players dropped out. "That's a big loss! They were the ones who really pushed the team along. In a way, though, it turned out good, because it gave us a chance to 'prove' ourselves when everyone expected us to be weak," exclaimed Kate Kendall.

The girls discovered they became tougher and more focused. "I wanted to win the match by playing the best that I could. I concentrated on taking one point at a time," explained varsity player Kham Keota.

During awards night Shelly Kindig was awarded MVP and received the award for the most won singles matches. Kate Kendall and Nikki Adkins also received an award for the most doubles matches won. Varsity player Kham Keota, team captain commented, "I love tennis and I plan to someday coach it."

-Jessica Hofer



Doubles competitor Kate Kendall takes a swing at an approaching ball as Nikki Adikins, her partner, patiently waits.



Varsity player, Shelly Kindig jumps into action as the ball comes into view.



1990 NorthWood Girls' Tennis Team: Row 1: Kham Keota; Row 2: Angie Devore, Lisa Stickley, Polly Culp, Kate Kendall Coach Mrs. Angie Swain, Coach Mrs. Shelly Sanders, Danielle Miller, Diane Whelan, Megan Hostetler, Jennifer Dawson; Row 3: Wendy Slagle, Nikki Adkins, Shelly Kindig, Brooks Beer, Katrina Yoder

Junior Margaret Weirich steps to the plate, showing her concentration as she prepares to hit the softball. (Photo by Advance News)

Freshmen Missy Bemiller shows that practices really pay off as she hits a home run. Bemiller led the Lady Panthers with her .321 batting average. (Photo by Advance News)





Preparing for the pitch, Angela Swanson catches for the lady Panthers. As a key player for the team, Swanson also earned the award for most hits. (Photo by Advance News)





It is a great feeling to be named MVP but I couldn't of done it without my team behind me. I love them alot

Young group Makes School History

Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
5	Mishawaka Marian	0
9	Lakeland	3
10	Whitko	0
0	Concord	1
7	Northridge	1
10	Wawasee	0
11	Warsaw	6
7	Praire Heights	0
13	Plymouth	3
6	Clay	2
0	Goshen	4
3	Concord	5
0	Northridge	4
7	Wawasee	2
1	Warsaw	8
5	Jimtown	3
5	Plymouth	0
2	Goshen	4
0	Elkhart Central	20

The girls' softball team finished it's season with a record of 12 wins and 7 losses, the first winning record in school history. "It was a great season with a lot of young players," commented Coach Peggy Bough.

The daily practices included the fundamental skills of throwing, fielding, base-running and handling game situations. Players spent a lot of their time going through batting practice against their pitching machine.

These practices led to winning, which was extra special to these girls. "You know you did something good, and that feeling will always stay with you," commented MVP Heather Beck.

Other award winners included Heidi Freed-Most Improved, and Karen Reinhardt-Mental Attitude.

The team relied on encouragement they received from the fans who traveled with them to all of their games. Many of the players' families helped to sustain morale. "My mom has always given me lots of support. She comes to all of my games," commented Aileen Orn. Their youngest fan was Martha "Banana Babe" Weirich who cheered her favorite team on all the way.

-Debbie Lehman



Heather Beck, pitcher, gives her all and proves to be Most Valuable Player. (Photo by Advance News)



In front of the dugout Margaret Weirich, Aileen Orn, Angela Swanson, Sigi Pederson, Nicki Lengacher, and Heidi Freed discuss the game and prepare for their next inning. (Photo by Advance News)



The girls' softball team consists of: Row 1: Brigette Bemiller, Nicki Lengacher, Kris Weaver and Heidi Freed Row 2: Erin Guard, Missy Bemiller, Heather Beck, Kristi Fearnow, Dotti Kreps and Brandi Reynolds Row 3: Coach Peggy Bough, Sigi Pederson, Margaret Weirich, Annisa Blosser, Aileen Orn, Melissa Debroka and Karen Reinhardt. (Photo by Advance News)

Rounding the bases

Baseball required eye-hand coordination and speed. The players' performances reflected the amount of time and effort they put in to their practices. Even so, the season ended with a record of 9-14 which reflected the inexperience of the team.

Junior Tony Mast, however, became the top hitter with an average of .340. Also an outstanding student in the classroom, Mast enjoyed baseball because it did not interfere with his grades.

Other outstanding players included Mental Attitude Award Winner and MVP Jody Lengacher with 12 RBI's and 2 homeruns, and top pitcher Jay Crain with one one-hitter and one no-hitter. While these players received special recognition, their success was enhanced by teamwork.

Mike Engle summarized the feelings of the team when he said he enjoyed the competitive side of playing a game that anyone could win.

-Kellye Root

Even though our record doesn't show it, we improved a tremendous amount due to good leadership by All! -Tony Vengacher



Our Score	Opponent	Their Score
1	Jimtown	4
7	Triton	2
5	Elkhart Central	10
1	Fairfield	3
0	Concord	11
7	Northridge	11
11	Rochester	1
5	Rochester	6
1	Warsaw	11
5	Westview	4
0	Plymouth	5
6	Bremen	5
4	Goshen	5
1	Concord	7
1	Wawasee	8
4	Warsaw	0
0	Plymouth	7
3	Goshen	4
2	Wawasee	7
2	Northridge	6
5	Culver Military Academy	2
3	Bethany	1
7	LaVille	0
6	West Noble	3
1	Wawasee	9



Varsity baseball team: Row 1: Tong Inthivong, Mike Engle, Jody Lengacher, Brent Green, Ted Doty; Row 2: Coach Doug Gerber, Coach Steve Birk, Matt Ingle, Stacey Hochstetler, Rod Schrock, Coach Dennis Meyers, Coach Carl Reinhart; Row 3: Tim Martin, Jay Crain, Lloyd Williams, Tony Mast, Brent Cripe, and Kelly Culp.



JV baseball team: Row 1: Neil Richmond, Trent Dodson, Shawn Doty, Mike Kerns, Chip Bradway, Mark Weldy; Row 2: Coach Carl Reinhart, Thad Ramer, Chad Ramer, Eli Weirich, Matt Kulp, Jeremy Chupp, and Coach Doug Gerber.



During a home varsity game against Warsaw, Randy Cripe tries to strike out the opponent. In the outfield, Kelly Culp anticipates a hit, while Brent Green, catcher, hopes for a strike. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Having walked a player in the fifth inning, Jay Crain calls for a conference on the mound with Jody Lengacher, Coach Meyers, Ted Doty, and Tony Mast.(Photo by Teresa Miller)

On first base, Mike Engle eagerly prepares to steal his next base in the home game against Warsaw. NorthWood won the game 4-0.

A Touch of Class

Everyone had goals in life. Some wanted to go to college, others didn't. Regardless of future plans, there were certain classes, above and beyond the selected courses, that were required for everyone.

One thing that no one could complain about was a lack of course selections. For those who were really serious about their studies, it almost seemed like there just wasn't enough time to get in every class that was necessary for college and take those which were of interest, as well. Not many people found fault with this system — they just accepted it as "the way things go." Many were afraid that if they complained, the result would be a longer school day, a longer school year, or additional classes each school day.

One attempt the school made towards this effort was to require each student to take at least six credit hours of classes each semester. Despite the fact that many students were unhappy with this, this would be one of the only ways that they would be able to complete the required number of total credits for graduation.

With so many classes to choose from and so little time to decide which ones to take, it made for a very hard decision when the time came to schedule classes for the following school year.

-Hope Atwater



Alexis LaGuardia takes a moment out of her study hall to wish the basketball team "good luck" in sectionals. (Photo by Amye Burns)



Practice makes perfect, as Michael Kerns realizes. During band he practices a finger-flustering piece. (Photo by Amye Burns)

Taking a few minutes out of her school day, Tuma Wooley makes an important phone call. (Photo by Amye Burns)



"It forced me to continue to work hard through my senior year." -Alicia Templeton



"I didn't notice that they were affecting my grade point average." -Tracy Curtis



"It was confusing to figure my grade point average." -Danielle Miller



A new system of grading hurting some and helping others

The plus and minus grading system came into NorthWood with a big bang. There were students and teachers both for and against these little symbols affecting grade point averages. In some cases it helped, and in others it hurt.

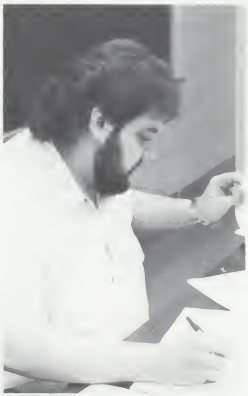
The students in the upper percentile of their classes were hurt the most according to honor roll statistics. One complaint that these students expressed was the fact that in the A range there were no pluses to cancel out the minuses. Students who ranked in the middle of their classes seemed to be affected to their benefit.

The students who ranked in the lower half of their classes were least affected by the new system. Chad Bontrager commented, "I really don't care, but there should be an even system for figuring grades."

There were mixed feelings among teachers as to whether or not these symbols helped or hurt students. Mrs. Wing stated, "To put a minus on the end of a grade is demoralizing to some." Mr. Beachy felt it actually only motivated the top ten percent of each class. He believed that the top students were the ones who were sincerely concerned about their grades.

By the reaction of students and teachers the result of the new system of grading was mixed. Students and teachers alike were for or against these symbols. Andrea Stoller stated, "This system distinguishes between students getting a ninety percent and a ninety four percent." For some the ultimate result of this grading concept was that hard work finally paid off.

-Stacie Yoder



Mr. Beachy demonstrates that figuring pluses and minuses did not require extra time at the end of a grading period. (Photo by Jason Miller)



Grade Points

A = 4.0
A- = 3.7
B+ = 3.3
B = 3.0
B- = 2.7
C+ = 2.3
C = 2.0
C- = 1.7
D+ = 1.3
D = 1.0
D- = 0.7



As Eric Nunemaker looks over his history worksheet, Matt Ingle expresses his feelings concerning the notes due the next day in their history class. (Photo by Amye Burns)

Jason Hite and Kris Jackson work studiously on a test during Mr. Beachy's freshmen English class seventh hour. (Photo by Jason Miller)



Lori Ingle and Corinna Schmucker read a Time magazine article intently during Mr. Swigert's seventh hour government class. (Photo by Amye Burns)

"High school athletic's are great but it's hard to remember they're not everything." -Pete Bailey



"During tennis it was really hard to keep my grades up, because I was involved in so many things." -Kate Kendall



"You have to balance your time." -Ted Doty



Making the Grade

Students in extra-curricular activities

Throughout the year, several students became very active in the extracurricular activities offered at NorthWood. At the same time, they tried to maintain what they and their parents considered to be good grades.

Out of thirty students who participated in a survey given, most agreed that they were more active than their parents were in high school. "There are many more activities available to us than there were thirty years ago," commented senior Jenni Hartman. Several were in agreement with her. They said that there weren't as many sports or other activities offered them.

At the same time, there weren't as many pressures then, either. Burn out during the school year was a big problem with which several students had to cope. Anthony Taylor, who was involved in Football and Track, explained how he coped, "I just said to myself, 'Tommorrow is a new day and I'll feel much better then.' It worked . . . most of the time." Other students used sleep as their remedy, something several found hard to get.

No matter what cures students found for the monotony of high school, many seemed to find fulfillment by getting involved in the extra activities that the school offered. With various clubs and organizations constantly meeting, there was never a dull moment at NorthWood,

-Jessica Hofer

Alicia Templeton, performing in Soundsations, is involved in several activities during the school year.



What Do You Think?

1. What extra-curricular activities were you involved in?

2. How much time did you spend on your homework and other school activities together?

3. Did your school activities affect your social life?

4. Did you become burnt out during the year? How did you cope?



Jason Nunemaker, Tara Thompson, Corina Schmucker, Michelle Heckaman, and Jenni Hartman study diligently during honor study hall.



Nathan Wiggins shows great skill on and off the court.

"Teaching someone how to swim is a rewarding experience," -Cher Shrock.



"This is a program that has made me feel proud of myself." -Adam Hartman



"It is great to teach the children to swim" -Sigi Peterson.



Students Reach out

They all sat with smiles on their faces and special glowing in their eyes. This meant the world to them. It was a feeling of accomplishment that they all shared, a feeling of well-being. They had helped make someone's life easier. These were the thoughts shared by the students who were involved with tutoring, swimming lessons, and the program known as "Run for the Gold."

"When I see a child swimming, it makes me feel great knowing I was the one that made it possible for them," stated Pete Billy. This program taught the fourth and fifth graders from the WaNee school district to swim. There were approximately twenety students who worked with the program. Most of them said they would continue with it next year. Cher Shrock commented,"It gave me a sense of accomplishment knowing that I was helping so many people."

"I liked to see students helping other students. It was also gratifying to see students do better in their classes because of tutoring," stated Mrs. Weldy. The tutoring program offered help to students who needed assistance with their studies. Many honor study hall students worked as tutors during the course of the year.

In December, the physical education classes participated in "Run for the Gold," a fund raiser for the Special Olympics. They ran for twenty minutes and collected money from their sponsors. There were 109 students who obtained 294 total sponsors. The top earners were Angie Ouimet, Martha Crist and David Hawthorne. For their participation, students received T-shirts, pins, and certificates.

The students were set on helping each other which in turn created a bond that would always exist, a bond that those to come would carry on.

-Brenda Schmucker



Lisa Stickley is hard at work trying to teach this student to float on her own. Lisa was one of the few able to work with the swimming program.



Sigi Pederson teaches an elementry student how to correctly use a kickboard during the seventh hour swimming assistance program.(Photo by Amye Burns)

The Run for the Gold program was a program aimed at helping raise money for the Special Olympics. This program raised over 2,000 dollars for the Special Olympics.(Photo by Teresa Miller)



Andrea Stoller helps Nicole Greenawalt to better understand her algebra. Andrea has earned this privilege of working with the tutoring program by being eligable for honor study hall.(Photo by Amye Burns)



Involvement

Do you feel that these programs are successful?

Would you like to get involved with any of these programs?

If you needed help, would you ask?

"The Career Center is great because others like me are joining in on all the learning."
-Wes Spicher — TV Production



"I like being at the E.A.C.C. because I spend three solid hours in the field that I enjoy."
-Scott Fried — Broadcasting



"The E.A.C.C. lets me spend three straight hours working in class."
-Chad Brich — Restaurant Management



Students Reach Higher

E.A.C.C. and I.C.E. Students Work For Credit

Tex rolled over in bed just as his alarm clock rang. Since he had to be in Elkhart by eight, he hurried through his daily routine. He did not want to miss the Bremen bus going to the career center. These actions were typical for students attending the Elkhart Area Career Center.

Students attending E.A.C.C. chose their vocational training classes on their own. There were classes for such occupations as restaurant managers, cosmotologists, and auto mechanics.

Students usually attended classes for three hours. One hour was spent in the classroom while lab work was done during the remaining two hours. The classroom involved mainly textbook work while labs consisted of working directly with their career choices.

During the 1989-90 year, NorthWood students had the opportunity to take an additional English or math class while attending the Career Center. This took one hour away from the normal vocational class time.

Another program that concentrated on making career choices was the I.C.E. or work-release system. I.C.E. was an acronym for Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education. This program allowed students to work during school and receive credit as well as pay.

The students worked out of a textbook for one hour then were dismissed to their respective jobs for the remainder of the school day. They were graded on classroom work as well as the quality of their work on the job.

Both of these programs were made available for students who were willing to concentrate on a single area of their career choice. The programs taught these students responsibility on the job and provided special training in the classroom.

-Jason Miller and Sheila Helmuth



Brad Troyer spends a great deal of time working on the computer in his commercial art class at the career center.



Ed Lloyd works with real radio and television stations, WVPE FM 88 and WNIT Ch. 34 — just one example of on-the-job training students can receive at the Career Center. (Photo by Jason Miller)



How About You?

What vocational class would you choose?_____

Why?_____

Do you plan to take any college courses?

If yes, where?

Ed Lloyd shows that working three hours on the same project is much easier than working only one hour one day and then trying to remember what exactly was being done. (Photo by Jason Miller)

Jay Crain and Stacey Hostetler demonstrate their prize winning technique in the F.C.A. Jello eating contest which the football team won. (Photo by Amye Burns)

Jason Miller is one of the many students to show school spirit by dressing as a female on opposite sex day. (Photo by Teresa Miller)





A Multitude of *faces*

All around NorthWood could be seen hundreds of different faces. Some were smiling; others were scowling; still others appeared to be frantic. About what, some would never know.

Seniors seemed to have the widest variety of emotions from day to day. Krista Smock could usually be seen smiling because, as she put it, "My friends joke around a lot and have silly things to say."

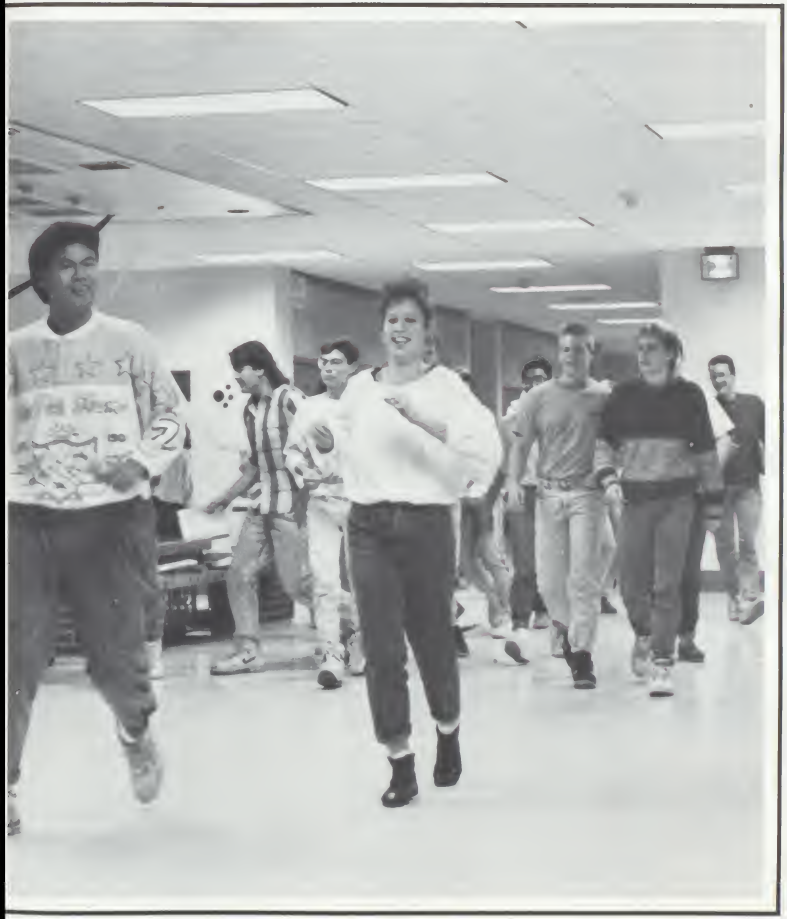
But smiles were not the only expressions that veiled seniors' faces, and many students could often be found walking through the halls with other indications of their day's occurances. Frowns seemed to accompany dreary days as well as Mondays. Junior Heidi Freed stated that she despaired when she got a long assignment and had no time to work on it in class.

Midway through the nine weeks was a time when anticipation of deficiencies was a major villain that aroused frenzied looks in several people. Garth Mason was one such person who carried a distraught look around this time of year. He said, "I walk around tormented that my mom has found my deficiency in the mail."

With such a wide array of faces and expressions at NorthWood, you never really knew what to expect.

-Hope Atwater

It seemed to be a marathon at lunch time as Mike Cotay and Alexis LaGuardia show. Teachers as well as students could easily be run over if they weren't careful. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Seniors Dwell on Expectations

Seniors. Expectations. These two words walked hand in hand throughout the senior year. Expectations of the present and of the future were thought about a lot during the 1989-90 school year by the senior class.

Expectations involved friends, teachers, classes, and the school building. Most seniors expected their friends to be more mature. Tad Gongwer expected "everyone to get along with each other (better)." Another expectation of friends was spending more time together. Laquita Hershberger thought the seniors would "spend as much time together as we could because we wouldn't be together much longer."

As far as teachers were concerned, the majority of the class thought seniors were respected more by teachers than in previous years. Jennifer Kerns stated, "They were the best my senior year because they finally treated me like a real person!" Many seniors also saw teachers as more lenient, and thought them considerate of the complexity of their last year of high school.

Many seniors expected their classes to be harder. However, several in the class said they thought their classes would be easier. Either way, quite a few seniors found out their assumptions were wrong, but continued gazing on the end result.

What did the seniors expect the interior of the school building to look like when they came back? Dalene Stouder summed it all up when she wrote, "Basically the same — OK — finished! You know — cool in the summer — warm in the winter. Revolutionary idea! Maybe next year!" Most were surprised that the ceilings and lights were actually up and appreciated the fact that there were no longer any obstacles in the halls.

Events that seniors expected to happen in the first semester of 1989 but didn't, included such occurances as having their surge to themselves instead of sharing it with the freshmen or, as Richard Felts put it, "having all the lower classmen bow in humbleness in front of us!" Lisa Morell thought her senior year would go slowly. Instead, it went faster than she expected. Lastly, Nikki Giska expected "that the football team would go to state and the basketball team would win one game."

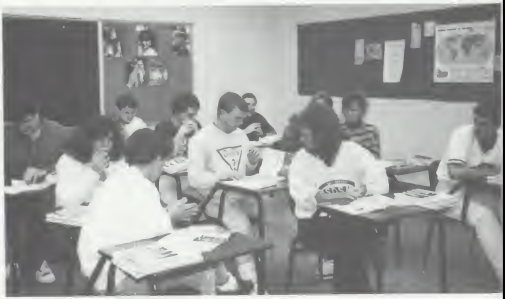
Future expectations included activities immediately following high school and expectations of the year 2000. Most seniors expected to go to college or get a job right after high school and continue that same task through the year 2000. Others expected to be married in ten years, but Jeff McGowen would like to see himself "ruling over the rest of the country as President of the United States."

Although some expectations for several seniors did not and might never come to pass, the senior year for most of the class was what they expected — their last.

-Sheila Helmuth



Seniors enjoy loitering in the surge as a favorite pastime. Joe Reser, Tony Clouse, and Stacey Hostetler talk casually before seventh hour class. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



The seventh hour government class prepares for Friday's five extra credit points. Matt Bowers, Cathy Chrisman, Lori Ingle, Kim Perry, Carl Salinas, Jason Hahn, Corina Schmucker, Jeff Snider, Jackie Rouch, and Randy Cripe read Time articles in Mr. Swigert's class. (Photo by Amye Burns)



Mike Curtis and Chad Fiorentino converse in the hall between classes while Tony Schmucker retrieves his books for his next class. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Lisa E. Adams
Hope M. Atwater
Paul E. Bauer
Marq W. Beachy
Tami M. Bean

Brad A. Beck
Jenny R. Beeson
Linette C. Bemiller
Michele L. Beron
Pete R. Billey

Brian P. Blosser
Steve E. Blosser
Rodney A. Bontrager
Dawn A. Boothe
Matt J. Bowers

Tammy L. Boyd
Mike J. Brooks
Lori Bronont
Missy R. Brumbaugh
Amye F. Burns

Faith L. Cantway
Kristen M. Carich
Cathy M. Chrisman
Angie M. Chupp
Eric W. Chupp



Tony G. Clark
Tony J. Clouse
Brian L. Collins
Jay A. Crain
Laura L. Cripe

Randy S. Cripe
Stacey L. Cripe
Lori E. DeMien
Ann M. Detweiler
Eric M. Dudzinski

Steve C. Duesler
Tyson B. Edwards
Mike T. Engle
Richard G. Felts
Eric M. Ferrell

Jody, The Last of the Lengachers

For the last decade, NorthWood High School coach Jim Andrews has had a Lengacher on his football team. What Jack Jr. started in 1979, Jody finished in 1989.

Jack Jr. started his 1979 season as a sophomore. By 1980 he had played a role in the Panthers' success as they made it into the state finals.

After Jack, came Jamie. His abilities led the Panthers to sectional and regional championships, during his senior year.

Next there was Jeff. He was a part of the 1986 "Black Crunch" that went to the Dome.

Jody believed that his three older brothers were a real inspiration to him on the football field. Because Jody was the youngest, it helped him prepare for his tough opponents. His older brothers always picked on him during games they played in the back yard as young children. But he felt this helped him develop into dealing better with his football skills.

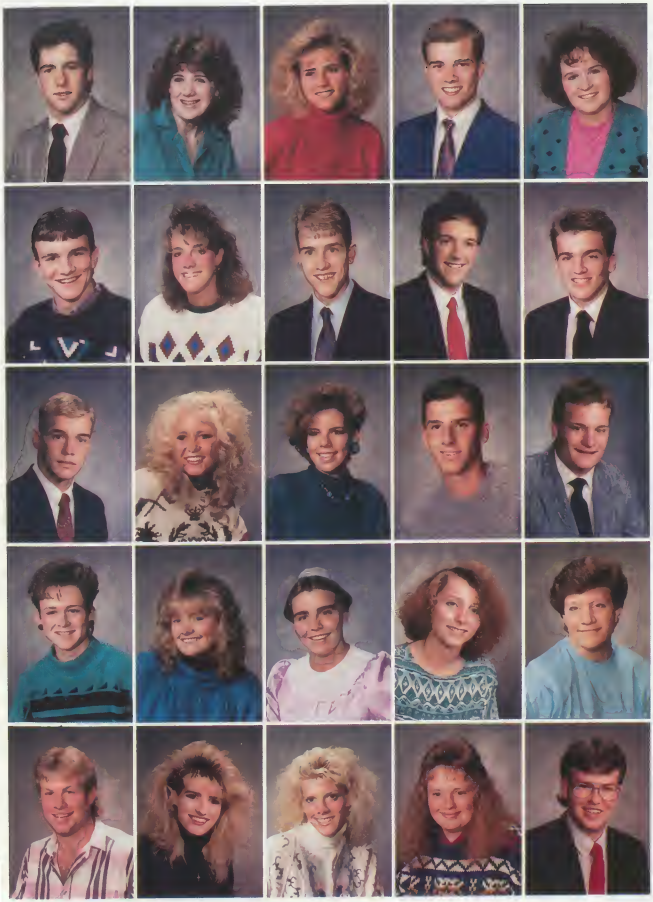
All four Lengacher boys agreed that Mom and Dad were the real heroes behind the Lengacher story. Their four sons contributed to the Panther football program and carved out an amazing story.

The Lengacher reign ended with the graduation of Jody. With the start of the 1990's, NorthWood football said good-bye to the contributions of the Lengacher family on the football field.

-Christi Wise



Jody Lengacher does have other activities besides football. Here he is found in the north surge talking with Jason Hahn, Mike Engle, Jay Crain, and Lana Hartman. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Heath H. Fervida
Tammy L. Fetters
Keesha L. Flory
Steve G. Gall
Nikki L. Giska

Troy J. Glaser
Paige K. Gollatz
Tad N. Gongwer
John D. Graber
B. Derek Guard

Jason A. Hahn
Jenni L. Hartman
Lana M. Hartman
Monte L. Hartman
Derick W. Heckaman

Micki L. Heckaman
Lisa M. Heckathorn
Sheila R. Helmuth
Laquita A. Hershberger
Tina L. Hill

Mark D. Hilty
Heidi A. Hochstetler
Lori A. Hoffman
Christine Hollar
Jerry R. Homes

Frank C. Hop
Jenny A. Hostetler
Stacey A. Hostetler
Jill E. Hunsberger
Lori M. Ingle



Gary L. Kauffman
Carla J. Kennell
Jennifer L. Kerns
Michelle L. Kline
Adriana Leal



Pam J. Lechlitner
Thad J. Lechlitner
Daric Leinbach
Jody W. Lengacher
Tracy L. Livengood



Erika E. Lloyd
Michelle A. Ludwig
Miranda K. Lutes
Kevin Mahin
Jon D. Marsh



Curvin R. Martin
Sheryl A. Martz
Garth R. Mason
Anne P. Mattingly
Jerry R. May



Tears and Fears

Following a field trip, Senior Julie Rice is caught waiting in the Indianapolis Hyatt Regency Hotel for the bus that will take her back home and (gulp!) back to school. (Photo by Amye Burns)



Remember being afraid of the dark? How about looking under the bed every night for monsters and boogies? And what if the Mickey Mouse nightlight in the corner burned out? What's a little kid to do?

For the senior class, the situation took on a rather familiar analogy. Instead of being afraid of the dark in its typical meaning, seniors were afraid of what their futures held for them. Micki Heckaman confessed that she was afraid of "not being able to find a job." Another perhaps irrational fear expressed by several senior girls was of "getting fat."

A typical, and often expected phobia was college. For many college oriented students, it was not just getting into one, but deciding which one had the most to offer. "There are so many colleges to choose from it just makes my head spin!" one senior commented.

"Pressure will get to a person after awhile," sighed Laura Cripe, "and all the homework I have certainly doesn't help." Many people were living an illusion that the senior year was one to "coast" through by taking easier classes. This was not true for everyone. "I've worked harder this year than any other!" another senior exclaimed.

Some had it hard, some had it easy, and some just sat comfortably in the median of the 'Great Senior Year.' "I don't have too much to worry about this year," one senior commented. "I'm just living it up and trying to make some memories." And if **real** independence sounded scary, all that was needed was a flick of the switch of the Great Senior Nightlight — fun.

Dawn Boothe



Jeff L. McGowen
Josi A. Meek
Sean A. Metzler
Jim A. Meyers
Dawn E. Miller

Heather E. Miller
Jason D. Miller
Travis J. Mishler
Lisa P. Morrell
Kendall K. Moser

M. Ryan Mullet
Steve W. Mullins
Misty S. Myers
Rodney A. Nafziger
Tina M. Nettrour

Scott M. Newcomer
Jason R. Nine
Alan D. Nunemaker
Chad A. Overholser
Pam C. Pasechnik



Tara L. Pavasco
Paul A. Pearson
Kimberly R. Perry
Douglas B. Pierce
Jeremy K. Pippen



Debbie C. Pippenger
Robin R. Pitney
Amy S. Pletcher
Jeff S. Pletcher
Karen S. Reinhardt



Nothing can stop her now.

Tracy Livengood suffered from a serious form of cancer called Hodgkin's Disease. Going to Riley Hospital for treatments and checkups became a regular part of her life.

Tracy never felt as though the world was out to get her, even when one of her friends from Riley who also had Hodgkin's Disease died. "It was hard to think I was that close to death," she commented.

While this situation was hard for Tracy, she always seemed to find a smile. "My friends made the difference. They were always by my side. They even went along to help my mom when I had my treatments. They were the best friends someone could have," Tracy remarked.

The expenses of cancer treatment can be burdensome, but Tracy did have some assistance. Her campfire group, the school, and Rexall's all helped defray the costs.

Tracy received much help from the school. She had "the best teachers anyone could have had." The school helped Tracy by lowering her credits to the state requirements so that she could graduate on time.

The community and the school pulled together to help Tracy with this serious illness. "I feel so lucky to have ended up with things back to normal," she stated. Tracy had no cancer left by her senior year.

Brenda Schmucker



Friendship played a key role for Tracy as she suffered through her cancer treatments. Here she stands at her locker with Josi Meek and Kirk Robison, two friends who helped her through the difficult times. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



S. Joe Reser
Terri L. Rhoades
Julie A. Rice
Jenny L. Richmond
Tracy Rohrer

Jacqueline L. Rouch
Carl R. Salinas
M.Corina Schmucker
Tony A. Schmucker
Rodney E. Schrock

Jim Sholtey Jr.
Caroline E. Smith
Jennifer R. Smith
Laura L. Smith
Tracy D. Smith

Krista K. Smock
Jeff S. Snider
Michelle L. Stemen
Dalene J. Stouder
J. Mitch Stutzman

Rebecca L. Sumpter
Angela K. Swanson
B. Anthony Taylor
Alicia S. Templeton
Somkieng Thammavongsa



Tara L. Thompson
Mark A. Tusing
Brad M. Umbaugh
Dwight K. Vandiver
Brent A. Warren



Jenny L. Weaver
Murray D. Weaver
Jennifer M. Weidenhaft
Eddie L. Weirich
Tammy W. Whitmer



Ed W. Witmer

Not Pictured

Mike A. Curtis
Debra R. Dunn
Chad D. Fiorentino
Eric L. Hoopes
Manohak Inthivong
Susanne M. Leksick
Tony M. Leos
Scott F. Logan
Gene A. Miller
Michael L. Miller
Kevin W. Murphy
Sabrina L. Orton
Steven F. Patterson
Steve S. Reinhardt
Jamie R. Soto



Senior class officers are not always found inside the closed doors of NorthWood. Here, Secretary Tara Thompson, President Lana Hartman, and Vice-President Heidi Hochstetler are found outside under a tree. (Photo by Lifetouch)



Crain Fans Form "Die Hard" Fan Club

For the first time ever, there was an individual fan club formed at NorthWood. The club was created for senior quarterback Jay Crain. The people who originated this unique idea were a group of Jay's friends, consisting of Troy Glaser, Derick Heckaman, Tony Clouse, Eric Dudzinski, Derek Guard, and Jeremy Pippen. These six guys made NorthWood football look like a professional athletic association in the eyes of many.

The idea for the fan club came to them when they were sitting in the surge talking about how to help support Jay for the Goshen game. They decided to buy matching T-shirts, hats, and bandanas. The club even went as far as to make a Crain-o-meter, paralleling the Chicago Cubs fans' Shawn-o-meter.

Jay did not think his friends would go through with the plan. They told him that they were going to buy the shirts and wear them to the game. "I had no idea that they were wearing them to school. It made me feel pretty embarrassed." Jay went on to say, "I appreciated it very much. Friends like them are hard to come by."

This action not only meant something to Jay, but many people throughout the school felt the enthusiasm his friends were creating. "I think it was very supportive of them, and it really showed they cared to support the NorthWood team," commented Tong Inthivong, a fellow teammate.

What may have started out as a joke turned into a very creative idea. The Crain Fan Club not only brought about enthusiasm and support for Jay, but it also created a great sense of excitement throughout the school. It helped motivate Jay and the team to a superb season.

-Christi Wise

Feeling the support of his fan club, Jay Crain executes a play with determination. (Photo by Advance News)



The Die Hard Crain Fans show their support here at Panther Field. The Fans, Derick Heckaman, Tony Clouse, Eric Dudzinski, Troy Glaser, Jeremy Pippen, and Derek Guard are seen here in their matching T-shirts, hats, and bandanas. (Photo by Amye Burns)

Steph Adams
Nicki Adkins
Kristin Albrecht
Joel Allen
Emerson Almeida
Kirby Anglemyer
Pam Bauer

Israel Beard
Rachel Beath
Brigette Bemiller
Heather Bitting
Tina Blosser
Jenn Blucker
Heather Boger

Shelly Bontrager
Rod Bradway
Chad Brich
Lewis Brown
Sam Brown
Jennifer Bute
Janine Carlson

Nadine Clark
Stacy Cleveland
Mike Conrad
Jennifer Creech
Kelly Crilow
Mark Cripe
Craig Croy

Belinda Crum
Kelly Culp
Tracey Curtis
Tammy Davies
Annie Davis
Jennifer Dawson

Deneka Detwiler
Angie Devore
Janine DiPrato
Susan Dieterlen
Ted Doty
Ryan Eby
Jason Elliott

Mindy Elliott
Tami Fervida
Barb Filley
Michelle Fingerle
Chad Flory
Heidi Freed
Lisa Ganger

Brook Germann
Beth Graber
Brent Green
Mike Grove
Ben Hahn
Melissa Hahn
Todd Hall



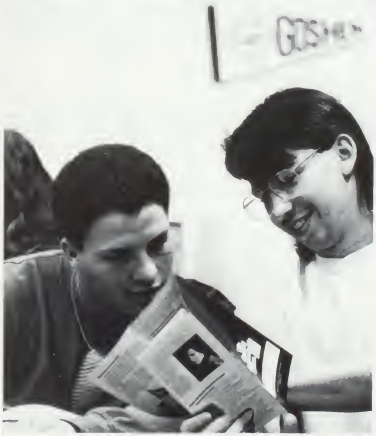


Paula Hand
Greg Haney
Mark Hess
Susan Higginbotham
Roy Hill
Lisa Hilty
Brent Hochstetler

Jessica Hofer
Lori Holdeman
Michele Hoover
Jennifer Hossler
LaDonna Howard
Anita Huber
Matt Ingle

Tong Inthivong
Andrew Katon
Tonya Kaufman
Robert Kemp
Kham Keota
Tou Keota
Heather Kershner

Eva Klopfenstein
Jeanine Klotz
Paula Kraus
Amy Krider
Lory Krull
LaMarr Lakins
Jonathan Landes



Discussing future plans in the career resource room, Derek Odiorne and Ryan Thompson decide which college would best accomodate their needs. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

A year of turmoil realization of the future

The juniors grew to know that 1991 would be their last year. Many felt overpowered at the greater responsibility. Juniors suddenly realized they would not be in high school forever. The realization to finally take on new and greater responsibilities added more questions and fears. For some, these questions were overwhelming and the fears were growing even worse.

"I am afraid I will not get into college," stated Missy Hahn. Getting into college was one of the common fears among the junior class. "I might have to grow up and learn something," admitted junior, Jason Miller. "And what if college is not a big party?" he added.

Another fear high on the list was the loss of communication with friends after high school. "Who will I hang around with after graduation?" wondered Lisa Litwiller. "Everyone will be gone," worried another junior.

Some juniors expressed their feelings differently and were not thinking so far into the future. "Who cares about college? What about next year?" announced another junior student. To other juniors, school was not of great interest or importance. Whatever happened, happened.

Regardless of whether they were worried about their senior year or about their college plans, juniors were submerged by their fears and questions about the years to come.

—Heather Boger

Alex Lechlitner
Debbie Lehman
Kristi Lehman
Jerry Lent
Neil Long
Sean Mahon
Heather Manuwal

Jeremy Markham
Tim Martin
Troy Martin
Tony Mast
Tonya Mast
Batt Masterson
Gary Maust

Tina McDonald
Amy McMillian
Robert Metzger
Diana Meyers
Jason Miller
Martin Moneyheffer
Brian Moore

Corinne Moser
Scott Moser
Rod Mullet
Larry Mullins
Mandy Myers
Stacie Neverman
Rod Newcomer

Tina Newcomer
Robin Nickerson
Donna Noel
Eric Nunemaker
Jason Nunemaker
Derek Odiorne
Aileen Orn

Mark Osborn
Sigi Pederson
Monty Perkins
Trisha Pfeiffer
Jamie Prenkert
Brenda Pressler
Matt Price

Steve Purcell
Kirk Robison
Kellye Root
Steph Rouch
Krista Scheumann
Charles Shabarekh
Scott Shapland

Nikki Shawgo
Brad Sherman
Cathie Slabaugh
Gloria Smith
Riley Snook
Shayne Stahly
Annette Stemen





Almost . . . but not quite

Juniors were generally stereotyped as students who had one more year to correct mistakes, bring grade point averages up, and accomplish something memorable before their senior year. They had the advantages of being upperclassmen without the pressures of being seniors. They did not know whether to laugh or cry over the homework load they received in classes such as history and chemistry. As Ryan Thompson commented, "I have more homework this year than my freshman and sophomore years put together." They had a difficult year of juggling homework with extracirrcular activities, parttime jobs, and preparations for college.

Some juniors, who were finally considered upperclassmen, had to drop school related activities to find jobs, as did Kelly Culp. Other activities which helped them prepare for the future included college visitations and PSAT tests.

The juniors discovered that their high school memories were slipping by them. As Eva Klopfenstein stated, "I can't believe next year we will be seniors. One thing some of the juniors would not forget was the harassment they took for not switching to the west side of the north surge."

-Stacie Yoder

While in the north surge, Lori Holdeman explains to Jeremy Markham, Alex Lechlitner, and Martin Moneyheffer the humorous discussion that went on during her sixth hour speech class. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Gabe Sterling
Andrea Stoller
Justin Thompson
Ryan Thompson
Denise Tillotson
Brad Troyer
Angela Truex

Kathy Warren
Melissa Weaver
Darian Weber
Margaret Weirich
Stephanie Weldy
Janae Wenger
Nathan Wiggins

Lloyd Williams
Michelle Willis
Debbie Winslow
Tracey Witmer
Todd Wolf
Rose Woolley
Nathan Wortinger

Eric Wright
Tom Wysong
Stacie Yoder

Not Pictured Jason Bellman, Kevin Brubacher, Nikki Clemans, Michael Collins, Scott Fried, Eric Goff, Tonya Green, Regina Hauptli, Lisa Hochstetler, Liz Houchin, Lance Jones, Scott Justice, Tom Lane, Lisa Litwiller, Edward Lloyd, Michele Martin, Brant Mishler, Stan Murphy, Nick Patterson, Joe Sanchez, Jon Seals, Brent Smith, Wesley Spicher, Kevin Studebaker, David Watts, David Yoder

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a mere reflection

Wouldn't it have been great to have had a sister or brother who was always there for you, who you could have trusted, who understood you when your parents didn't, who could have shared your innermost secrets with you? Wouldn't it have been great to have been a twin?

"We have a blast on the phone," remarked Justin Evers, in reference to one of the aspects of being twins that he and Jason enjoy. "We are always switching with each other. When someone calls for Jason, he will tell me to take it, and I'll act like him. They can't tell the difference," he added.

According to Lisa Pletcher, being a twin had some advantages. "When we go somewhere, we don't have to go alone," she remarked. Another advantage she stated was that "we could always split the cost of something expensive." However, there were some disadvantages too. Lisa did not like having too little privacy.

Lori, Lisa's twin, was sometimes surprised at just how alike the two were. "A lot of times we will start singing the same song at the same time, and sometimes I will just say what she was thinking," stated Lori. They also liked the same activities. "We enjoy rollerskating, double dating, and babysitting together. We never have to go anywhere alone. I like being a twin and just being together," she commented.

They may have looked the same, but according to Jason Evers, he and his twin had different personalities. "I think I'm more outgoing than Justin, and he keeps more to himself. But we like the same activities and enjoy being together," he commented. Jason also stated, "I don't feel that I was cheated because we are treated the same at home and with our friends."

These sophomores enjoyed being twins because they always had someone there for them when they didn't have anyone else. They had something special others didn't — their twin was their best friend.

-Debbie Lehman



Lori and Lisa Pletcher and Justin and Jason Evers are in the south surge during second lunch sharing some of the advantages and disadvantages of being twins. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Stacey Abel
Steve Baut
Tina Bellman
Jeanne Berger
Jason Berkey
Joanne Bishop
Rick Bloomfield

Chad Bontrager
Maria Bontrager
Melanie Bontrager
Jeremy Brandt
Jason Brock
Craig Bush
Mike Carich





Stacey Carter
Mark Chase
Brian Cleary
Tom Clouse
Tom Coffman
Michelle Comer
Shane Conway

Dean Creech
Ryan Cripe
Leah Culp
Polly Culp
Tiffany Culp
Nic Davis
Tina Drudge

Kevin Edwards
Marci Elliott
Melissa Espinoza
Jason Evers
Justin Evers
Amy Fairchild
John Ferguson

Amy Ferrell
Therisa Finnigan
Alicia Fish
Anthony Ganger
Tohn Geyer
Tara Gochenour
Michelle Goodwin

Chris Gottbrath
Fred Graber
Stefan Grubbs
Adam Hartman
Christal Harwell
Pam Hattery
Michele Heckenast

Shelly Henschen
Lynette Herschberger
Karen Hochstetler
Kris Honeycutt
Rachel Hoover
Jason Housour
Rachel Inks

Paul Johns
Dawn Johnson
Mary Kauffman
Kate Kendall
Mike Kerns
Shelly Kindig
Carmen King

Jeff King
Dottie Kreps
Alexis LaGuardia
Heidi Landes
Sara Lape
Mia Lechlitner
Julie Leinbach

Nicole Lengacher
Lisa Mahin
Atley Martin
Marlene Martin
Dawn Mast
Kristi McGowen
Beth McGregor

Rob Mellinger
Jill Metzler
Brandi Miller
Danielle Miller
Gerald Miller
Jennifer Miller
Teresa Miller

Tim Miller
Troy Miller
Yvonne Miller
Brian Mitchel
Ricky Moore
Paul Mullett
Nicki Nettrour

Jody Nickerson
Jeremy Nusbaum
Tim O'Malley
Twyla Oberholzer
Andrea Orn
Nikki Otis
Tom Panyako

Jamie Pate
Eric Patterson
Terry Pavasco
Rhea Peachey
James Pippenger
Shane Pippenger
Lisa Pletcher



Not Pictured Carolyn Ankrom, Ron Cantway, Bobby Cavender, John Dunn, Debbie Frazier, Kathy Garner, Junior Howard, Saengohanh Kasensouk, Amy Martindale, Trina Mullet, Bill Stewart, Candy Summers, Charles White

Sophomores: Where do they stand?

The sophomores were not considered upperclassmen, yet they were not as "new" as freshmen. They were in a stage of transition. In sports, some got to move into the varsity scene, while others had to stay at the junior varsity level. Sophomores seemed to have had one of the most fun, relaxed years of their high school careers.

What did sophomores have to look foward to? Nic Davis felt that playing varsity was worth anticipating. What else could be expected? Maybe getting one of the most important ingredients for today's social scene — a driver's license.

Walking down the halls, sophomores were somewhat hard to pick out. Unless they were star athletes or perhaps Sweetheart or Homecoming candidates, they never seemed to be seen as sophomores. Although they were not always recognized, sophomores always had that something special that made them stand out.

-Kellye Root



Lori Pletcher
Robin Pletcher
Eldridge Prather
Shelly Price
Chad Ramer
Thad Ramer
Heather Reaker

Brandi Reynolds
Rachel Rogers
Seth Rouch
Tong Saengtavanh
Keith Sanders
Kevin Sarber
Brenda Schmucker

Lavon Schmucker
Ann Schwartz
Fred Searfoss
Jason Shafer
Glenn Shipley
Cher Shrock
David Singer

Jason Sloat
David Smith
Heather Smith
Scott Smith
Tony Smith
Ben Snider
Nikki Speicher

Lori Stankovich
Lisa Stickley
Chastity Stump
Jill Stutzman
Robyn Sutherlin
Lisa Taylor
Chad Tener

John Tener
Brad Thornton
Michael Tiedge
Angie Tolley
Sheila Troyer
Belinda Trumble
Danielle VanSickle

Dawn Vanover
Kris Weaver
Stephanie Weaver
John Weldy
Mark Weldy
Troy White
Mike Williams

Wayne Wingard
Christi Wise
Eric Wixson
Tuma Woolley
Marcia Wysong
Rochelle Yoder
Karen Young

A new challenge freshmen must endure

The Freshmen physical education class participated in the "Run For The Gold" fund raiser. A total of 109 students completed a minimum of 35 laps. They raised over three thousand dollars to help benefit the Special Olympics in Indiana. Martha Crist, David Hawthorne, and Angie Ouimet earned T-shirts, the award given to those who collected ten or more sponsors. Many of the others received Special Olympics pins, and everyone who took part received a certificate of completion.

The fund raiser was part of the new physical education class plan. This tougher plan was designed to help the students achieve a better physical condition. Each week it provided students with three days of conditioning and two days of activities. Students were graded on their performance, their achievements, and their attitudes toward the class.

The conditioning part of the week was centered around activities that improved flexibility, cardio-respiratory endurance, muscle strength and endurance, motor skills, and speed. The rest of the week, students concentrated on games and activities such as swimming, basketball, and badminton.

Although the class was harder than it had been in past years, the students didn't seem to mind. "At first I hated it, and there are still times when I don't like it, but I've never felt so good," admitted one freshmen. Mrs. Larsen stated, "I really like the way things are going now, but I think we can make it a bit tougher."

—Heather Boger



Participating in the Run for the Gold fund raiser, Brad Schrock demonstrates his ability to 'endure' long distance running, while Toby Mishler strides with ease.

Milla Aho
Tricia Alderman
Mark Anglemyer
Jason Base
Heather Beck
Chris Becker
Brooks Beer

Missy Bemiller
Jill Best
Cameron Bigler
Rick Bloomfield
Annisa Blosser
Kim Bollman
Marc Bontrager

Marlene Bontrager
David Botset
Scott Bowers
Aaron Boyer
Chip Bradway
Jerry Brown
Jessica Brown

Robert Brown
Mindy Carlson
Regina Christner
Jeremy Chupp
Mike Clouse
Matt Coffman
Tamee Cormican





Jon Cotay
Mike Cotay
Mitch Craven
Jason Crawford
Troy Cripe
Martha Crist
Andrew Culp

Jason Davidhizar
Carrie Dearth
Melissa DeBroka
Trent Dodson
Shawn Doty
John Dye
Ryan Dye

Alicia Eby
Ryan Eby
Tereasa Eby
Dixie Elliott
Scott Engbrecht
Scott Farney
Kristi Fearnow

Tammy Feltis
David Flora
Kevin Flora
Mindy Franklin
Mark Germann
Jason Gongwer
Nicole Greenawalt

Amy Grimm
Lisa Grove
Erin Guard
Chad Hahn
Thad Hahn
Brent Harker
Jay Hartman

David Hawthorne
Nicki Heckaman
Ashli Hepler
Keri Hiatt
Ryan Hill
Jason Hite
Jason Hochstetler

Dori Hochstetler
Zeb Hochstetler
Kristi Holdeman
Tim Holdeman
Melanie Holderman
Janelle Hostetler
Lorilee Hostetler

Meggan Hostetler
Tara Huff
Jennifer Hunsberger
Bou Inthivong
Kerin Jackson
Kris Jackson
Carolyn Johns

Mike Klotz
Jason Kreps
Tiffany Kuhn
Matt Kulp
Kathy Langton
Ralph Lantz
Jason Lantzer

Josh Larrison
Rick Larrison
Brandon Lee
Daren Lehman
Lorie Lemler
Gabe Lewallen
Eric Litwiller

Shekinah Lloyd
Jeremy Loucks
Casey Lynch
Rebecca Malone
Chris Maples
Jeremy Martin
Leslie Martin

Todd Mast
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Lance Mestach
Ben Metz
Jason Metzler
Travis Metzler
Gary Miller

Janette Miller
Michelle Miller
Monica Miller
Shawn Miller
Tim Miller
Todd Miller
Brock Mishler

Greg Mishler
Toby Mishler
Mindy Moneyheffer
Carla Moser
Lydia Moser
Colette Nafziger
Jeremy Neverman

Angie Ouimet
Brette Overholser
Sharon Pfeiffer
Susan Pierce
Rachel Pippen
Dallas Pletcher
Angie Prescott

Stephanie Reed
Laura Rhodes
Neil Richmond
Amy Rogers
Ericka Sanford
April Shaefer
Malena Schmucker





Brad Schrock
John Shapland
Nicole Shaw
Sami Sheets
Loretta Sholtey
Stacey Silvers
Jason Slabaugh

Wendy Slagle
Scott Steele
Natalie Stoller
Jamie Stuber
Kari Stump
Tim Stutsman
Jerry Stutzman

Cindy Summers
Denys Sweet
Regina Swihart
Stess Templeton
Krissy Tindall
David Tompos
Julie Traub

Cory Troyer
Stacey Truex
Bob Vicary
Pong Visetsouk
Sherri Warnken
Jennifer Watkins
Shondra Weatherton

Carrie Weaver
Zachary Weaver
Eli Weirich
Julie Weldy
Mike Weldy
Scott Weldy
Shawn Weldy

Randi Wenger
Diane Whelan
Marcie White
Lloyd Wileman
Sadie Wingard
Brent Witmer
Henry Wolfe

Miranda Wolfe
Rachel Wood
Craig Yoder
Katrina Yoder
Marlon Yoder
T.J. Yoder
Yvonne Yoder

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Administration
tackles changes for the 90's

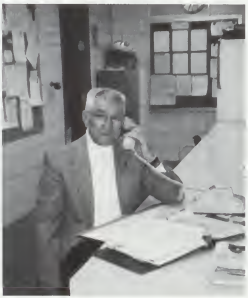
The school board and administration represented the people in the Wa-Nee school district. They provided leadership in determining what the facilities and learning experiences should contain for the students. The administrators, administrative secretaries, and school board worked to coordinate the activities in the school system.

The administration purchased a new administration building which included renovating an old farm house on SR 19, while the school board voted to begin construction on the two new elementary schools in May of 1990, with occupancy planned by the beginning of the 1991-1992 school year.

At the high school, Mr. Coffin dealt mainly with attendance and discipline,as well as the buildings and grounds. His main concern was establishing the credibility of Saturday School. "It was asinine for me to suspend students who skipped school because that's exactly what they wanted," said Mr. Coffin. Another of his tasks included revamping the summer school program so that students could receive two credits during the summer. He also planned to tackle the issue of beginning adult education at NorthWood.

Mr. Bonacorsi dealt with faculty and school operations. He added more computers in the business, English, art, and industrial arts departments because "not much had been done to upgrade these departments in the past ten or fifteen years." He also had academic recognition cases installed in the north surge for specific departments to honor students He worked on a program, Dollars for Scholars, to help equally distribute scholarships among students, hence taking an active role in trying to promote student academic achievement.

-Stacie Yoder



In the boys' athletic office, Athletic Director Mr. Campbell attempts to obtain baseball umpires for the upcoming season. (Photo by Amye Burns)

Ned Speicher, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, and Phil Lehman, Assistant Superintendent for Business discuss matters pertaining to the school district. (Photo by Amye Burns)



Jerry Lelle, Superintendent, is inspecting the plans for the new elementary schools to be started in the spring. (Photo by Amye Burns)



Mr. Coffin and Mr. Bonacorsi discuss the daily activities in Mr. Coffin's office early one morning. (Photo by Amye Burns)



The school board members for the 1989-90 school year include: Row 1: James Graybill, Richard Holdeman, and Barney Beer; Row 2: Dana Stickel, Ross Sloat, Larry Andrews, and Robert Abel. (Photo by Heather Boger)

Teachers share their personal lives

On November 24, 1989, Mr. Cole, the band director at NorthWood 'tied the knot.' At the joyous event the NorthWood band performed five numbers. "It was very interesting to perform at his wedding," drummer Brad Sherman recalled of the special event."It was original, and something I'd never seen before."

Of the faculty at NorthWood six were single, and the rest were married.

Mr. Scott Ailes, the chior director at NorthWood, planned to be married in December of 1990. "My parents are very excited about the upcoming marriage. However, until the engagement, they really just minded their own business."

When looking for a date, Mr. Cannaday said, "Excitement is the key in a date. Any activity is acceptable if it produces adrenaline!"

Mrs. Wing looked at marriage philosophically when she said, "I don't plan to marry or not to marry. I'm open to it if a good relationship develops. My focus is on living successfully as a single woman so that I can lead a fulfilling life either way."

The remaining teachers were the married ones. They occasionally mentioned their spouses during class discussions or at times even as an example to prove a crucial point.

Mr. Carter recalled how he met his wife after a basketball game. "We met at the Wayside Restaurant. In those days (1957) it was called Mother's Drive In. Young people hung out there. (And I was young then!)" Other teachers told humorous stories of how they met their spouses. "We were at a party that my soriority and his fraternity had. We were blindfolded and had to feed each other marshmallows that had powered food color on them. We ended up painting each other's faces green." This was how Mrs. Julian met her husband, who she married two years later.

Mr. Prenkert and his wife met at college when she was dating his roommate (and best friend). He claimed, "We just sort of agreed we wanted to spend our lives together. It was one of our best choices!"

The Prenkert's were not alone. "Not real romantic, but we had mutual decision to get married," the new German teacher, Mrs. Ganger commented. Romantic or not several others stepped into matromony the same way. . .mutually.

During summer vacation, however, numerous teachers found less togetherness than they had hoped for. "He works, I'm a housewife, and we have no mutual vacation time available," one teacher commented.

Personal lives of teachers were always of interest to their students. Whether teachers were willing to discuss their personal lives or not, there were always students bold enough ask.

-Jessica Hofer



Teachers are not always easily side-tracked with questions about their personal lives. Mrs. Julian discusses upcoming speeches with her class. (Photo by Jessica Hofer)



Mr. Scott Ailes
Mr. Thomas Allen
Mr. Jim Andrews
Mr. S. Craig Beachy
Mrs. Deloris Bigler
Mrs. Robin Bilinski
Mr. Kern Bough

Mr. Dick Campbell
Mr. Bruce Cannaday
Mr. Bryan Carter
Mr. David Cole
Mr. Bob Cross
Mr. Rich Dodson
Mrs. Beverly Fales

Mr. Ron Fields
Mrs. Andrea Ganger
Mrs. Lisa Gautsche
Mr. Marvin Galbreath
Mr. Doug Gerber
Mr. Eric Gerber
Mr. Richard Geyer



Mrs. Gail Greenlee
Mrs. Rita Harnish
Miss. Sherrie Hartman



Mr. Doug Gerber enjoys a few minutes of free time as he grabs a sloppy joe which the freshmen cheerleaders prepared for the basketball team. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

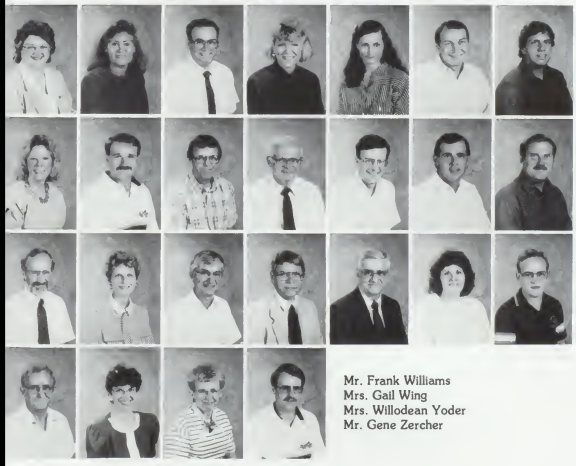


Mr. Ailes duties include scheduling performances for the various choirs, so he spends a good deal of time on the phone. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Mr. Dodson roots on Brad Shrock while he runs a lap in the Run for the Gold, a fund raiser for the Special Olympics. (Photo by Teresa Miller)







Mrs. Carol Heckaman
Mrs. Maria Huber
Mr. Terry Johns
Mrs. Deb Julian
Mrs. Leslie Larsen
Mr. Phil Lechlitner
Mr. Steve Neff

Mrs. Cindy Neer
Mr. Jay Olson
Mr. Kip Prenkert
Mr. Robert Riley
Mr. Devon Scobee
Mr. Steve Shively
Mr. Jim Snider

Mr. Bill Swigert
Mrs. Peggy Tompos
Mr. Roger Troyer
Mr. Burmell Walter
Mr. Mike Weaver
Mrs. Judy Weldy
Mr. Paul Widner

Mr. Frank Williams
Mrs. Gail Wing
Mrs. Willodean Yoder
Mr. Gene Zercher

Staff

new addition adds space

A new addition was built to the janitorial part of the school. Although it was mainly built because of the new heating system, it allowed more space for work.

Before the new heating system, there were approximately 22 heating units on the roof. The units became so inefficient that it was almost a must for the new system. The system decreased to only having two boilers to heat the school. A room was especially built for these boilers and an air conditioner compressor which cools the school. The addition also allowed an office for transportation and a large storage area which provided a place for laundry and mechanical usage.

Janitor Steve Slabaugh, who approximately worked forty hours per week, found it easier having a larger place to store equipment plus having the boilers on the ground rather than on the roof.

Most people did not realize of what the job of the janitors at NorthWood actually consisted. The janitors differed from some others at different schools because they not only cleaned and swept, but they also required knowledge of electronics and maintenance.

NorthWood High School was built in 1970, making the school twenty years old. Yet when people visited NorthWood, they insisted that it was only two to three years old. Custodian Joyce Culp believed that the excellent condition of the school was due to the "good bunch of kids NorthWood has." Joyce also commented that the extra custodian help deserved as much credit as he did. Joyce replied, "I think we have a real good crew, custodian-wise, and I think they are some of the best in the country."

The school staff often went unnoticed and unappreciated; however, if one were to ask who really kept the school going, the not so surprising response may have been "the staff."

-Therisa Finnigan



Custodians Etta Canter, Joyce Culp, and Steve Slabaugh enjoy the added storage space provided by the new addition. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Members of the cafeteria staff are, front row: Marjorie Berkey, Tish Gessinger, Sandy Hurst, Jo Ann Clem; back row: Cindy Warren, Esther Forrest, Helen Whelan, Marianne Erun, and Bets Hahn. (Photo by Teresa Miller)





The bus drivers consists of, front row: Grace Ramer, Phyllis Stauffer, Pat Hoffer, Alpha Mae Mumow, Ray Schwartz, Darlene Stump, and Veloris Neff, Director of Transportation; back row: Dale Ramer, Maynard Miller, Lowell Hoffer, Bob Helmulth, Delbert Morningstar, Rod Burkholder, and Buell Hoffer. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Nancy Roeder, school nurse, has responsibilities of not only helping ill students, but of completing a great amount of paper work, for example: scoliosis screening, vision testing, and counseling. (Photo by Teresa Miller)





School secretaries include, front row: Mrs. Personett and Mrs. Loucks; back row: Mrs. Cripe and Mrs. Howard. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

In the new addition, janitors Etta Canter and Joyce Culp are washing the towels used for swimming classes. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

While in Mexico, the Spanish travel club views a large cactus. Here, Andy Katon, Chris Maples, Brent Hochstetler, David Tompos, and Janine Carlson watch their tour guide intently. (Photo by David Huber)





Four members of FBLA, Sheila Helmuth, and Krista Smock, Brad Umbaugh, and Jennifer Kerns take time out of their busy schedules to meet at Mr. Carter's house for the FBLA Christmas party. (Photo by Amye Burns)

Jill Hunsberger tries to beat her opponents during the FCA-sponsored jello-eating contest. In the end she was defeated by Anthony Taylor. (Photo by Amye Burns)



A Change of *Pace*

Clubs — they gave everyone a chance to get involved, yet expectations of those clubs varied from providing information on future careers, to simply having fun. Students considered the best part about clubs to be that they didn't have to try out for clubs — they simply had to write their names on sign-up sheets.

Mr. Coffin was very pleased with the overall participation in the organizations that were offered. One change he expected dealt with the content of clubs. "I'd like to see (new clubs) that are more fun than academic related," he said. One student agreed with him on this issue. "I'd be more willing to get involved in clubs if they were created more for enjoyment than for learning purposes," she commented.

Like many other things, clubs required time. Those who participated in any clubs, teachers and students alike, expected to have to give up some of their time for any organizations in which they participated.

Mr. Coffin was impressed with SADD and card club because they surpassed expectations, having the highest numbers of participants. Both required time, whether it be for the enjoyment of playing cards or for the planning activities to help inform students about the dangers of drinking and driving. The Logue Staff also surpassed expectations by receiving numerous awards.

Whether students were involved in clubs in order to gain information or in order to socialize, the clubs offered met their expectations.

-Hope Atwater

Not For the Nerds

A stereotype in the general populus attached to academic clubs was, quite often, "nerdy." Some could have been prompted to believe that only twits in "high-waters," plaid, and horn-rimmed glasses would even dare to think about joining an academic club. It wasn't cool. It wasn't macho. It was hardly prep. And it definately wasn't any fun. Oh yeah?

"We had a lot of fun. We'd split up into two teams and have contests," said sophomore Mary Kauffman, a member of the math club. In addition to the "practice" contests, math club members also competed in Indiana Math League contests. Junior Brent Hochstetler "surfaced as the runaway winner of the outstanding participant award," wrote Mr. Johns. The only member who participated in all 30 activities, Hochstetler received a $250.00 savings bond from Mc Donald's in Nappanee, a plaque from Newcomer Jewelers, and a scientific calculator from Radio Shack. Adam Hartman, the second-place winner, received $150.00 in bonds and a scientific calculator. Paul Johns received a $100.00 bond and the third-place spotlight. Several other members won plaques and calculators, as well.

Spanish Travel Club took an exciting excursion to Mexico during spring break. It wasn't just for fun, however. "It was fun to experience a culture we have studied about in class," junior Anita Huber explained. The group of eighteen eager Spanish students visited Mexico City, Guanajuato, and Puerto Vallarta.

A fund raiser, sponsored by the National Honor Society, involved bearded teachers. Each teacher with a beard had a jar with a polaroid picture of them on it. Students would drop money into the jar of the teacher they would like to see with smooth facial skin. The teacher with the most money "won" and had to shave. The money went to the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis, which houses the families of patients of Riley's Children's Hospital. National Honor Society also got information on scholarships and organized the induction ceremony for new members chosen in the spring.

The academic clubs were not filled with geeky kids who did nothing but study twenty-four hours a day. They had imaginations, they had fun, and they threw the stereotypes to the birds.

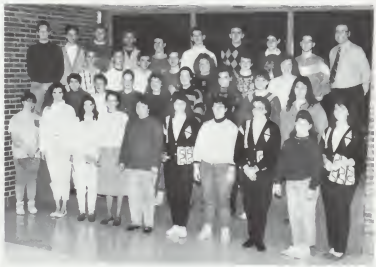
-Dawn Boothe



The "winner" of the National Honor Society's fund raiser, Mr. Beachy, shaves his facial hair growth. The group successfully raised over $120. (Photo by Amye Burns)



National Honor Society: Row 1: Matt Bowers, Tracy Roher, Sean Metzler, and Rodney Nafziger; Row 2: Jeff McGowen, Jenny Richmond, Heather Miller, Jill Hunsberger, Mike Brooks, Alicia Templeton, Thad Lechlitner, Amy Pletcher, and Mrs. Harnish. (Photo by Lifetouch)



Math Club: Row 1: M. Wolfe, C. Johns, N. Stoller, D. Sweet, N. Clark, J. Klotz, J. Wenger, L. Smith, and M. Comer; Row 2: A. Krider, M. Fingerle, D. Detwiler, A. Stoller, A. Devore, C. Warren, and S. Price; Row 3: P. Johns, J. Brandt, R. Snook, J. Weldy, M. Kauffman, K. McGowen, and A. Templeton; Row 4: C. Gottbrath, M. Tiedge, J. Prenkert, D. Yoder, T. O'Malley, L. Williams, G. Miller, B. Hochstetler, A. Hartman, and Mr. Johns. (Photo by Lifetouch)



Spanish Travel Club: Row 1: M. Kline, A. Schwartz, and C. Kennel; Row 2: A. Orn, J. Carlson, A. Huber, F. Hop, B. Schmucker, and A. Leal; Row 3: B. Hochstetler, D. Hawthorne, M. Clouse, A. Fish, and S. Troyer; Row 4: S. Weldy, T. Wolf, T. Hahn, C. Maples, S. Weatherton, L. Grove, L. Smith, and Mrs. Huber. (Photo by Lifetouch).



While in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Junior Anita Huber receives help form the natives as she prepares to go parasailing. The Spanish travel club visited Mexico during spring break. (Photo by David Huber)

Working Together

Providing services — that's what three of NorthWood's clubs, SADD, Pep Club, and Campfire, had in common. Were the clubs worth it? Was there enough interest?

SADD kept the student body aware of the effects of drinking and driving. Members had a meeting with Trooper Jim Kaylor of the Indiana State Police. Kaylor answered questions on the penalties of drinking and driving.

During prom week all students were invited to the SADD meeting. Tracy Witmer, a junior involved in the SADD organization, commented, "The movie sponsored by the emergency room nurses was a good (experience) for the club. It made them more aware of the impact drinking and driving had."

SADD was not the only major club among the students this past year. Pep club was one of the main clubs to join. Pep club's responsibilities included cheering for team during basketball games and encouraging the crowd to cheer also.

Both benefits and drawbacks came with being in the Pep club. Senior Jackie Rouch remarked, "The advantage of being in the Pep club was helping get the crowd fired up. The disadvantage was having to sit in assigned sections."

Another club that was important and had benefits was campfire. Campfire was a small organization. During the meetings members of the club discussed possible fund raising opportunities that would enable them to travel to Virginia for the Wohelo award, the highest honor possible to receive in the club. Sara Lape said, "The advantages of being in campfire are that it helps you to become a better person. It also helps towards college and jobs. The only disadvantage is that it takes up a lot of time."

The clubs kept the students interested and particularly kept the students involved. They offered unique activities, and they always worked toward their goals.

-Kellye Root



Trooper Jim Kaylor talks seriously to SADD members about safety and the effects of drinking and driving. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



The Pep club cheers the Panthers on during a home game against Wawasee. In spite of the crowd's support, NorthWood lost. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Members of the campfire club consisted of: Row 1: Wendy Slagle, Stess Templeton, Sami Sheets and Stacy Truex; Row 2: Sara Lape, Brandi Miller, Shelly Henschen and Nikki Nettrour; Row 3: Michele Miller, Brooks Beer, Steph Reed, Amy Rogers, Amy Grimm, Monica Miller, Rachel Pippen, and Nikki Heckaman

Nikki Nettrour does not look positive about the fund raising idea being presented to her. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



SADD officers consisted of Jamie Prenkert, Debbie Pippenger, and Tong Inthivong. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Students Enjoy Hobbies

What did most NorthWood students do when they had spare time? Most took this time and spent it participating in hobbies they enjoyed. In general, no matter how trivial, hobbies made a person more interesting. NorthWood offered many clubs which tried to get the students more involved with extracurricular activities.

One club offered was Card Club, it involved over 100 students. The basic purpose of Card Club was to teach new players the fundamental concepts of euchre, while helping old players "further develop" their skills. Card Club was enjoyable and competitive to the members involved. "When I play euchre, I want to win. . .but I also want to have fun!" stated Nicki Lengacher.

The Ski Club met during Activity Period to plan their upcoming ski trips. Many members considered skiing as their favorite hobby. "I think skiing is fun and enjoyable," commented Jeff King. During the months of December and January, Ski Club took Monday nights to travel to Swiss Valley.

The clubs offered gave students a chance to become involved with other students in a surrounding other than the everyday classroom. It also gave them a chance to expand their interests and increase their knowledge.

-Christi Wise



Chip Bradway diligently shuffles the cards as his opponents prepare for the next game. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Discussing the last hand of euchre is often done by the players as Nikki Spiecher, Dawn Mast, Heather Smith, and Nicki Lengacher show here. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Card Club Officers: Brent Warren, Troy Glaser, Jason Hahn, and Mike Engle. (Photo by Lifetouch)



Ski Club: Row 1: Derin Lehman, Jason Crawford, Jessica Hofer, Stacey Cripe, Jeff Snider, Mike Kerns; Row 2: Seth Rouch, Derick Heckaman, Eric Nunemaker, Eric Brown, Zeb Hostetler; Row 3: Tom Panyako, Eric Ferrell, Jason Nunemaker, Jay Crain, Daric Leinbach, Heath Fervida, John Dye; Row 4: Chad Hahn, Jeff King, Jason Sloat, Tohn Geyer, Shane Pippenger, Tim O'Malley, Brad Thornton, and Mr. Geyer. (Photo by Lifetouch)



Lisa Stickley concentrates on her JUMBO cards as she prepares to take the next trick. (Photo by Teresa Miller)







Mr. Troyer and Troy Glaser work together to try to stop their opponents from scoring another point and winning the hand. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Tara Thompson eagerly deals the cards to Jody Lengacher, Micki Heckaman, and Carl Salinas during a heated game of euchre. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Applause Action

The lights shown down and the curtain opened. The feeling of excitement and fear was experienced by the few involved with drama and the girls' choruses. Jill Stutzman said the feeling of being in front of a crowd was something all performers would remember.

Trebletones was for girls in grades 10 to 12. "It was a great class. We had a lot of fun. The dancing was the best part of the class," said Brandi Miller. These girls also accompanied Dawning Generation in several performances.

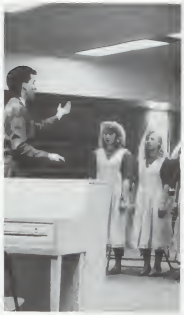
The Freshmen choir was a choir specifically for girls in the ninth grade. They performed many times thoughout the year including a performance at the IHSMA choir contest in which Trebletones received a second and the Freshmen received a first.

Mr. Ailes, the choir director, said that he was very pleased with the choirs' performances. Even though it was his first full year, it would also be his last until he received his teaching license.

The drama club put on two performances including Rehearsal for Murder, and Perfectly Frank . They met during activity period and after school to work on the plays. Director Steve Phillips and the students put in many long hours preparing for each performance.

The students that participated in choir and drama realized the demand that each involved, but they were rewarded by the sense of accomplishment they felt when the crowd applauded.

-Brenda Schmucker



Mr. Ailes calmly leads the freshmen choir, including Julie Weldy, Michelle Miller, and Kristi Holdeman in their warm-ups before IHSMA contests in which they received a first division rating. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Trebletones: Row 1: Melanie Bontrager, Nikki Otis, Danielle Miller, Mia Lechlitner, Shelly Henschen, Jill Metzler, Brenda Schmucker, Brandi Miller, Robin Pitney, and Tiffany Culp; Row 2: Scott Ailes, Carmen King, Kris Weaver, Nicki Legacher, Pam Hattery, Ann Shwartz, Stacey Abel, Robin Sutherlin, Joanna Bishop, Brandi Reynolds, Marci Elliot, and Jamie Pate. (Photo by Lifetouch)





Drama Club: Row 1: Missy Brumbaugh, Becky Sumpter, Lana Hartman, Jill Hunsberger, Alicia Templeton, Jamie Prenkert, Jackie Rouch and Jill Metzler; Row 2: John Weldy, Brian Moore, Jason Miller, Brad Umbaugh, Ryan Mullet, Sam Brown, John Ferguson, and Marlene Martin; Row 3: Kathy Langton, Kim Brown, Gina Christner, Carrie Dearth, Laura Rhodes, Ashli Hepler, Amy Rogers, Nicole Greenawalt, Gina Swihart, and Tammy Feltis; Row 4: Steve Phillips, Lloyd Wileman, Marlin Yoder, Jason Hite, Jeanine Klotz, Jennifer Miller and Jill Best. (Photo by Lifetouch)



Freshmen Choir: Row 1: Mr. Ailes, Ashli Hepler, Gina Swihart, Laura Rhodes, Becky Malone, Gail Bunton, and Jennifer Hunsberger; Row 2: Michelle Miller, Sami Sheets, Julie Traub, Heather Beck, Milla Aho, Meggan Hostetler, Kristi Holdeman, and Nikki Shaw; Row 3: Teresa Eby, Stess Templeton, Janelle Hostetler, Colette Nafziger, Jenny Watkins, Yvonne Yoder, Leslie Martin, and Kim Bollman; Row 4: Stephanie Reed, Dixie Elliot, Loretta Sholtey, Carrie Dearth, Rachel Wood, Amye Rogers, Jill Best, Nicole Greenawalt, and Julie Traub. (Photo by Lifetouch)

John Ferguson and Brad Umbaugh from the cast of Perfectly Frank put the finishing touches on the sets before the opening night performance. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Trebletones perform "When I Fall in Love" for the judges at contest on Saturday, April 13. They received a second division rating. (Photo by Teresa Miller)





Missy Brumbaugh, Becky Sumpter, and others in the cast of Perfectly Frank enjoyed a tension breaking exercise while warming up for the opening night's show.(Photo by Teresa Miller)

Two Clubs One Goal

When the terms friends, fun, and excitement came up, they were associated with Campus Life and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Since neither group met during school, students had time to talk to other people and friends about problems.

Campus Life was the Tuesday night club that allowed students to express feelings on different matters. "I can say what I feel without being laughed at," explained one junior member.

"Campus Life allows teens to share opinions on different issues and, well, just have a good time," said Campus Life director Kent Miller. Students also discussed current events and any problems they might have been facing at the time. Another thing that Campus Life provided was an open atmosphere in which teens could express beliefs as far as religion.

Another out-of-school club was the Fellowship of Christian Athletes(FCA). They met on Thursday mornings before school to discuss how Christianity affected them in everyday life as well as in sports. FCA members could openly share feelings of doubt and questions as well as many laughs. "FCA is like a kick in the pants when I'm down," admitted a sophomore member.

Although they were two different clubs, they both centered around one common goal. That goal was making life a little bit easier for teens and giving them someplace they could go to talk.

-Heather Boger



Stuffing his mouth to capacity with marshmallows, Dean Creech gains a hard earned third place.

Campus Life student leaders: Row 1: R. Nafziger, and M. Beachy; Row 2: K. Smock, J. Rice, and H. Boger; Row 3: A. Burns, and J. Kerns



Participating in a leg-breaking game of pileup, Campus Life members wait for further instructions.





The boys' basketball team, with Randy Cripe as rider, compete in FCA's mattress race. They came in third.



FCA members include: Row 1: J. Weldy, S. Pederson, B. Miller, M. Martin, K. McGowen, L. Hartman, J. Hunsberger, and E. Wright; Row 2: D. Pippenger, N. Nettrour, M. Miller, J. Hunsberger, L. Smith, A. Huber, J. Prenkert, and Mr. Johns; Row 3: J. Pippenger, A. Heppler, C. Johns, S. Pierce, L. Lemler, J. Metzler, M. Culp, L. Cripe, and J. McGowen; Row 4: P. Johns, J. Weldy, K. Edwards, J. Brandt, A. Culp, J. Bishop, T. Edwards, M. Beachy, and J. Graber.

After eating his way to number one in FCA's jello eating contest, Anthony Taylor shows his pride.



Offering Direction

Class Officers, Student Council, and Senior Executive Council were individual organizations which represented NorthWood and provided leadership and activities to benefit the students.

Class Officers were selected by their classes to transfer comments and concerns to the Student Council.

Including eight students from each class, Student Council worked to conquer numerous goals. Mrs. Greenlee advised the organization and worked with Debbie Pippenger, the president; Jody Lengacher, the vice president; and Heidi Freed, the secretary. As usual, Student Council organized a new student reception and events for Homecoming and Sweetheart. It also held a fundraiser, selling candy cane and Heresy kiss messages to accomodate money for CAPS.

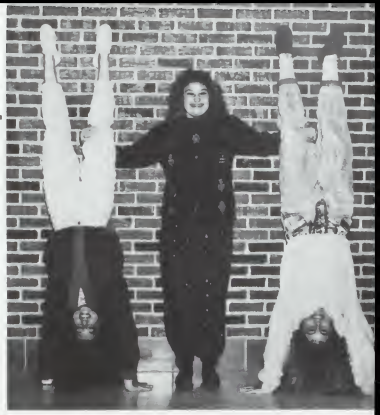
Student Council received new ideas by participating in a student exchange program with other schools in the area. Members of Student Council also gave the fifth grade an anti-smoking presentation.

A community service project involving the whole student body took place during the Christmas season. Each fourth hour class "adopted" a needy family within the Wa-Nee district, and bought gifts or gift certificates for the family.

Senior Executive Council's main goal was to organize senior events that took place at the end of the year. Members were responsible for commencement, the senior parade, and the senior picnic.

Groups such as these made the student body aware of the importance of leadership in developing activities and in helping the less fortunate.

Therisa Finnigan



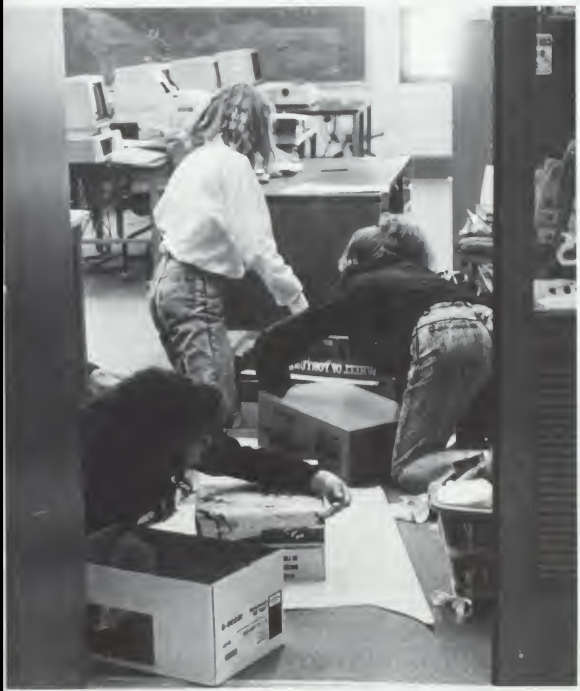
The Sophomore Class Officers include: Therisa Finningan-Vice President; Mary Kauffman-President; Brandi Miller-Secretary. (Photo by Lifetouch)



The Student Council members: Row 1: Stacie Yoder, Mary Kauffman, Amy Rogers, Julie Traub, Eva Klopfenstein, Heidi Freed, Debbie Pippenger, Jody Lengacher, Jamie Prenkert, Missy Brumbaugh, Amy Pletcher, Mike Carich, and Jason Sloat; Row 2: Kristi Holdeman, Sami Sheets, Stess Templeton, Mike Clouse, Therisa Finnigan, Nikki Speicher, and Mia Lechlitner; Row 3: Mandy Myers, Jason Lantzer, Jay Hartman, Brandi Miller, Tad Gongwer, Riley Snook, and Eric Wright. (Photo by Lifetouch)



The Junior Class Officers are: Lori Holdeman-Secretary; Riley Snook-President; not pictured Brigette Bemiller-Vice President. (Photo by Lifetouch)



Freshmen Student Council members: Julie Traub, Stess Templeton, and Sami Sheets enthusiastically wrap gifts for the Student Council Open Door community service project for Christmas. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

The Freshmen Class Officers are: Stess Templeton-Secretary; Amy Rogers-President; Colette Nafziger-Vice President. (Photo by Lifetouch)





The Senior Executive Council includes: Brent Warren, Lana Hartman, Jill Hunsberger, and Pete Billey. (Photo by Lifetouch)



FFA: row one: Jason Metzler, Tim Miller, Adam Couch, Brent Witmer, Ryan Eby; row two: Loretta Sholtey, Troy Cripe, Ed Witmer, Murray Weaver, Rod Bradway, Alicia Eby; row three: sponsor Frank Williams, Jon Landes, Thad Lechlitner, Mark Hilty, Kevin Mahin, Robert Metzger

Debbie Winslow, a member of the Health Career Club, stands waiting to help a donor to the refreshment table at the blood drive. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

FBLA: Row 1: Ryan Mullet, Lana Hartman, Debbie Winslow, Nikki Giska, Sheila Helmuth, Amye Burns, Krista Smock, and Julie Rice; Row 2: Brad Umbaugh, Jennifer Kerns, Tina Newcomer, and Stacie Yoder



Future Plans

Although most students thought about their futures every once in a while, many of them did not dwell on the future fully until their final year of high school. However, three clubs at NorthWood, namely the Health Careers Club, Future Farmers of America (FFA), and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), allowed students to concentrate more completely on their future plans.

Tami Bean commented, "The Health Career Club helped me learn exactly what a physical therapist does." Bean was looking into this field for her future occupation.

The Health Career Club was created to help equip those pupils interested in the medical field as a future job. This club met during activity period and frequently had guest speakers join them. The Health Club also received experience by helping out with the blood drive at NorthWood on March 9.

Future Farmers of America included those students interested in a future occupation in the agricultural field. This club participated in such activities as dairy and livestock judging. It allowed these individuals to become acquainted with the duties performed in a farm setting.

Several awards were given out at the FFA banquet. Thad Lechlitner received the DeKalb Award; Murray Weaver, the Dairy Production and Star Chapter Farmer Awards; Jon Landes, Placement in Ag Production; Alicia Eby, Star Greenhand Award; and Jerry Homes, the Sheets Memorial Award.

Another club that met during activity period was Future Business Leaders of America. This club consisted of students looking to the business field for a future career. Besides dealing with business procedures, the club also enjoyed a party at Mr. Carter's house and sold lightbulbs as a fundraiser to attend National Leadership Conference.

With the help of these clubs, the participants of future-related programs could approach their career plans with the confidence of achieving their individual goals.

-Sheila Helmuth



During activity period, four members of FFA, Ed Witmer, Ryan Eby, Troy Cripe, and Rod Bradway laugh at the other members who did not want their pictures taken. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



At the FBLA Christmas party, Brad Umbaugh models the Santa boxer shorts he acquired while playing dirty bingo at Mr. Carter's house. (Photo by Amye Burns)



Health Career Club: Row 1: Jill Metzler, Lori Holdeman, Stacey Cripe, and Advisor Nancy Roeder; Row 2: Advisor Ron Fields, Kathy Warren, Kristi McGowen, Hope Atwater, Paula Kraus, and Tami Bean; Row 3: Andrea Stoller, Melanie Holderman, Maria Bontrager, Debbie Winslow, and Barb Filley

Creating Images

The prom club was a group of girls invovled in the decision-making process for the planning of the prom. They were sponsored by Leslie Larsen.

The first goal the girls wanted to accomplish was to change the location of the prom. They felt they would have a better outcome if they were able to go beyond the community. Since every year the location rotates between Amish Acres and Port-a-Pit, the group felt it would be in the best interest of everyone to go somewhere else. However, this was not accomplished. "I was told to check into having the prom at the Marriott, and it was avaiable, but then the school did not allow us to go out of our school district," said Krista Scheumann.

The prom colors were chosen to be black, silver, and white. The group chose from many theme songs and decided on "Heaven in Your Eyes." They went to visit Amish Acres one day during the first three hours of school including activity period.

The art club proved to be very active, also. They took various field trips during the year. Members went to museums in Fort Wayne and Elkhart, and they appreciated the art at both places.

During Christmas time, members of art club painted cafeteria windows and the windows next to the doors of each classroom. Students also painted the windows of the post office in Wakarusa to celebrate the joyous season.

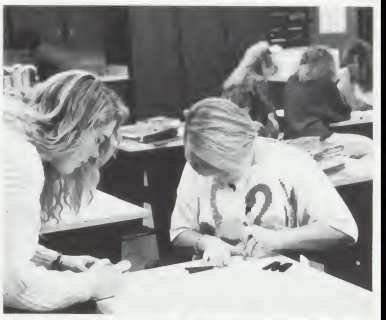
Both the art and prom clubs were busy creating during the year. The prom club's goal was to create a wonderful evening of romance that would leave a lasting memory for eveyone who attended. The art club created works that would leave a lasting image on anyone who viewed them.

-Mandy Myers



In art club, Heidi Landes constructs a sign using block letters during activity period. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Shekina Lloyd and Cher Shrock help each other out making the sign for the art show. (Photo by Teresa Miller)





Choosing prom colors is a difficult task, but Stacy Cleveland and Jen Dawson have fun while doing so. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Art Club members, Row 1: Melissa Espinoza, Stacey Carter, Cher Shrock, Crystal Harwell, Rachel Rogers, Kate Kendall; Row 2: Mr. Galbreath, Bou Inthivong, Ralph Lantz, Danielle VanSickle, Tong Inthivong, Michele Beron, Tou Keosa, Andrea Orn, Jen Hochstetler, Jessica Holer, Row 3: Mike Cotay, John Cotay, Marq Beachy, Tami Bean, Laura Cripe, Heidi Landes, Deneka Detwiler, Angie Devore. (Photo by Lifetouch)



One of the many decisions the prom club faced, choosing souvenir goblets, was settled in part by Rachel Beath, Heather Boger, and Kellye Root. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Prom club: Row 1: Annie Davis, Stacy Cleveland, Susan Higginbotham, Krista Scheumann, Rachel Beath, Heather Boger; Row 2: Lori Holdeman, Shane Stahley, Kellye Root, Mrs. Larsen, Steph Rouch, Mandy Myers, Kham Keota, Tou Keota; Row 3: Nikki Adkins, Paula Kraus, Barb Filley, Tami Fervida. (Photo by Lifetouch)

Creativity runs high in art club. Members help plan the art show, sponsor guest speakers at meetings, and discuss art concepts. Mindy Franklin, Melissa Espinoza, and Ryan Mullet construct a sign with artistic flair. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Office assistants include: Row 1: Mia Lechlitner, Robin Pitney, Brandi Miller, and Shelly Henschen; Row 2: Pam Hattery, Maria Bontrager, Marlene Martin, Ann Detweiler, Stacie Yoder, Krista Scheumann, and Eva Klopfenstein; Row 3: Carmen King, Jeanine Klotz, Micki Heckaman, Pam Lechlitner, Carla Kennel, Heidi Freed, Jenn Hossler, Anita Huber, and Jennifer Kerns; Row 4: Kelly Crilow, Kristen Carich, Jenni Hartman, Alicia Templeton, Amy Pletcher, Lana Hartman, and Heather Miller. (Photo by Lifetouch)

While in the guidance office during seventh hour, Mrs. Howard asks Pam Hattery to deliver a message to a student reminding him to schudule. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Needed Assistants



In the training room preparing for an away wrestling meet, Nikki Giska pours ice into a bucket. (Photo by Amye Burns)

Met Maids include: Row 1: Kete Kendell, Kris Weever, Christi Wise, Shayne Stehly, and Lori Holdeman; Row 2: Kellye Root, Mandy Myers, Steph Rouch, Jeckie Rouch, Jenni Hartman, Debbie Pippenger, Missy Brumbaugh, Alicia Templeton, and Brandi Reynolds. (Photo by Lifetouch)



Some students at NorthWood offered their services to help in school or at sporting events. The mat maids, athletic trainers, guidance and office assistants, and library helpers aided hundreds of students.

The Mat Maids' main duties were to help wrestlers at meets and lift their spirit at school. To raise school spirit, mat maids decorated lockers and walls. They also baked cookies and cakes to arouse spirit. Their duties were endless and the meets took all day, but their effort was profitable, helping to create a successful wrestling team.

Athletic trainers also met their goals with success. These young ladies put many hard working hours into helping athletes with their injuries and aiding the athletes in having safe seasons.

The guidance and office assistants worked through all seasons. These girls answered telephones, took messages, and delivered messages. The girls taking on these responsibilities were called in a week before school started to discuss their duties.

The library assistants had many responsibilities as well. These students donated study hall time to checking in and out books and changing newspapers daily. To many, these duties seemed dull, but without these dedicated students, the LRC would not have run so smoothly.

These dedicated students helped many activities run smoothly throughout the school year. The student helpers' duties were endless, but, according to Mr. Boancorsi, their hard work was appreciated. Their work was voluntary, but their dedication prevailed.

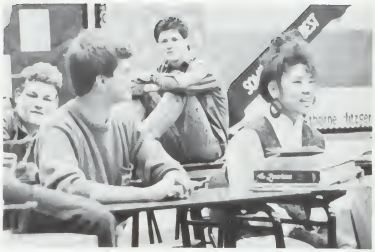
-Stacie Yoder



Athletic trainers include: Row 1: Mr. Widner, Debbie Winslow, Donna Noel, Maria Bontrager, and Barb Filley; Row 2: Nikki Giska, Lori Ingle, Julie Rice, Dale Stouder, Jennifer Miller, and Stacie Neverman. (Photo by Lifetouch)



Library assistants include: Row 1: Alicia Fish, Cathie Slabaugh, Sean Metzler, and Wendy Slagle; Row 2: Dottie Kreps, Rhea Peachey, Natalie Stoller, and Laurie Smith; Row 3: Mrs. Bigler, Matt Bowers, Jason Kreps, Brad Umbaugh, Jason Nine, and Mrs. Neer. (Photo by Lifetouch)



Jim Sholtey,Sam Brown, Jon Dye, and Jessica Hofer discuss the issues at hand at the NewsWatch meeting. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Matt Price and Brent Hochstetler play with stuffed animals at the Ball State book store during J-day. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Prized Publications



Therisa Finnigan concentrates on her yearbook copy. (Photo by Amye Burns)

The Publications Club was a conglomerate of the 1989-90 Yearbook and Newswatch staffs. During the alloted time, the two staffs busied themselves with various projects, striving to improve the schools publications.

The NewsWatch staff, advised by Mrs. Deb Julian, concentrated on improving the school newspaper. They produced three issues, reporting on several topics and adding unique view points to old school issues.

The Logue staff used the thirty-five minutes to allow staff members a little extra time to catch up on yearbook work and to use the computers or other items otherwise scarcely available during class. Extra time, in which the staff members could pursue one-on-one contact with Mrs. Robin Bilinski, yearbook advisor, was also available.

The 1989-90 school year was the first year the NorthWood Logue ever entered into any type of competition. In the HH-SJI (Hoosier High School Journalism Institute) competition, Hope Atwater was awarded a 1st place in the catagories of copy and design. The 1990 staff won an Honorable Mention from the Yearbook Publications Association for their unique marketing techniques. They were awarded a Kodak S-300 camera, and in a bonus drawing from Newsfoto Publishing Company, they won an IBM PS2 computer. The 1989 Logue won a first place rating in the American Scholastic Press Association critique of 1989 books and also received an Honorable Mention for theme development at Ball State's J-Day, a journalism workshop.

During the spring the Publications Club took an annual field trip to J-Day. The staff members took classes that were led by professionals in various fields of journalism. They were taught how other staffs dealt with common problems like burn-out, staff differences, and stress-breakers. "J-Day was really inspiring. I learned a lot and refreshed my memory on stuff I had already known." third-time participant Dawn Boothe explained.

These two groups joined together and provided prized publications at NorthWood.

-Jessica Hofer



The Yearbook Staff: row 1: Kellye Root, Brenda Schmucker, Therisa Finnigan; row 2: Hope Atwater, Sheila Helmuth, Jessica Hofer, Christi Wise, Heather Boger; row 3: Dawn Boothe, Mandy Myers, Stacie Yoder, Teresa Miller; row 4: Mrs. Robin Bilinski, Debbie Lehman, Jason D. Miller, Amye Burns



Journalism staff member, Stacie Yoder, seeks advice from advisor, Mrs. Robin Bilinski.



The NewsWatch Staff: row 1: Ashli Hepler, Loretta Sholtey, Janine Carlson, Jessica Hofer, Belinda Crum, Mrs. Deb Julian; Row 2: Brent Hochstetler, Jim Sholtey, Jerry Stutzman, Jon Dye

Nearly all high school students need jobs these days to manage. Working at Kentucky Fried Chicken, Jon Marsh and Garth Mason are no exception.



An Abundance of *Enthusiasm*

Walking from business to business in ninety degree weather with the humidity level all the way up to thirty percent, enthusiasm about selling ads was hard to come by. Yet for one week in August, the journalism class had to put on happy faces and do their best to convince the advertisers that the yearbook needed their ads to be complete.

Advertisers helped the students out by buying spots in the yearbook where their ads could be placed. Many advertisers, having been sent letters the previous week, already had their checks ready and knew exactly what would go into their purchased space. Others were not quite as prepared, but were more than willing to give.

To spice up the ads, the Logue Staff decided to bring spot color and 4-color back into the ads. For an additional charge, businesses had the option to put one of these on their ad. Although only two advertisers took advantage of the spot color, the money gained from this helped to create a better yearbook.

Money wasn't the main goal of the Logue Staff. Advertisers' satisfaction was a very high priority. Even though the weather was quite warm when the time for ad sales came, all of the participants were cheery and ready to do their best. With such loyal advertisers, the job of the yearbook staff was made much easier.

-Hope Atwater





Some businesses show added support to the yearbook when they have a senior in high school. Lana Hartman's father was no exception.

Working on cars is a dirty job. The workers at the Marathon station on U.S. 6 show just how dirty it can be.

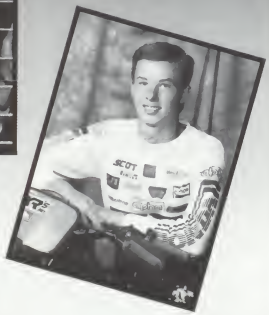
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February 14 had been known for generations as Valentine's Day. Flowers, cards, and stuffed animals had become a gift-giving tradition for millions of Americans. But for one small group of high school art students at NorthWood, the day had become an evil icon of loneliness and despair.

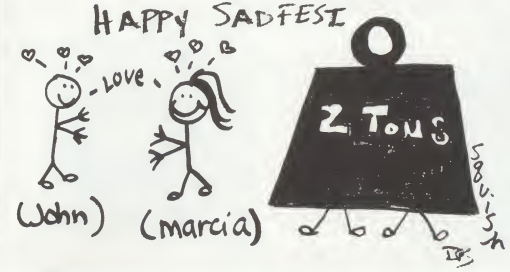
Four girls in art class, namely Kate Kendall, Andrea Orn, Jen Hossler, and Dawn Boothe, began to moan and whine to each other around the Valentine holiday about their love lives. Plans began to form in the back of their "slightly unbalanced minds," and the 1990 Sadfest was on its way to becoming part of history.

The girls decided that the way to celebrate "Valentine's Day" was to sit around, eat tons of chocolate, and feel sorry for themselves. One of the girls even made posters at work to announce the coming of Sadfest.

When the day finally arrived, the girls consumed huge bags of M & M's, Brach's chocolate covered peanuts, and Crunch 'N Munch — all in one class period.

Even though February 14 was known by most as a happy day, some people, as these four girls demonstrated, associated the day with sadness.

-Dawn Boothe as told to Sheila Helmuth



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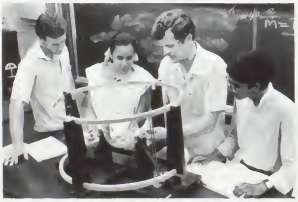


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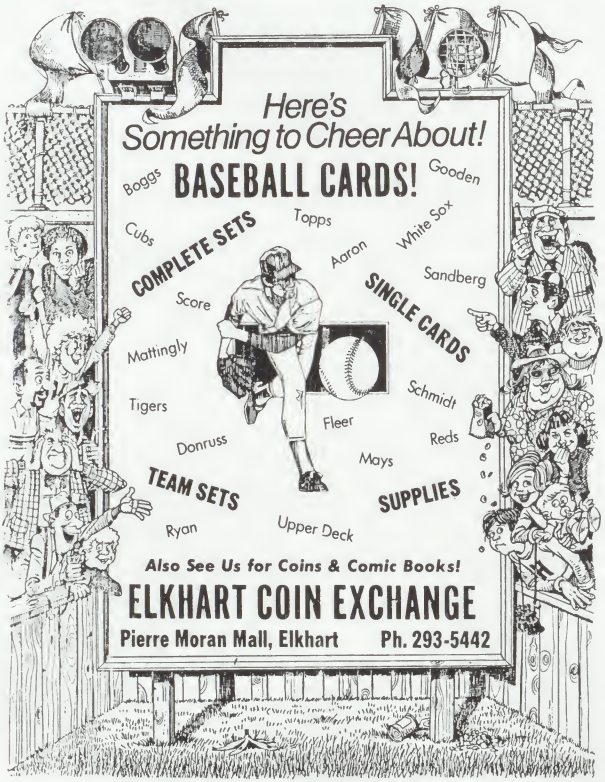
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Feelings Lost

A student sat alone wondering how she could help a crumpled hope. She had a dream to bring love and respect back into her school. This may have been a futile dream, but many students were disappointed by the way classmates treated students who were viewed as "different."

There were many different feelings on the subject of respect toward others. Everyone had his own way of life and his own way of thinking. Some people saw this as being alright, and fun. As stated by one senior, "There is nothing wrong with having some fun with someone."

"There were many people who felt differently about the subject, people who cared about other peoples feelings Junior Angela Truex supported those who were being made fun of by saying, "at times jokes are okay but when they are hurting someone, they should be stopped." One comment was made that the respect lost would never be the same again, and many people agreed.

Although not everyone at NorthWood had respect for others a scant few showed their support to others and helped bring love and respect back into school.

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"(I bought these clothes) because I liked them, and who cares what other people think," was one student's response to the school shopping survey taken to find out where and why students purchased their school clothes.

The favorite store to shop at was County Seat. However, Hudsons and The Limited were tied in second place. The average amount of money spent at these stores was $100 to $200.

While the most popular item to buy at these stores were jeans, essential undergarments were purchased by Derek Odiorne at a drugstore.

The majority of pupils agreed with Amy Rogers, who felt that she had not bought enough clothes to last all year.

Most of the students bought particular styles of clothing because they liked them, not because they were in style. Being a bit rebellious, Ben Hahn hoped that his parents would not like his choices. However, Paul Johns simply vowed not to be "geeky" when choosing his clothes.

As far as quality being a part of the decision in purchasing merchandise, Jason Nunemaker stated, "Basically if it looked cool and fit well, quality wasn't a big factor." On the other hand, Alexis LaGuardia responded, "I just assumed (the clothes I purchased) were quality."

The bottom line was that diferent students had a variety of likes and dislikes when it came to clothing.

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There were many reasons for students choosing part-time jobs over extracurricular activities. The number one reason for working was to have a car. Students were either saving for a car or found out as David Yoder and Denise Tillotson did, that maintaining a car was expensive.

The average starting rate was between $3.50 and $4.00, and usually employers gave raises every thirty to sixty days. Lloyd Williams was pleased with his hourly rate of $4.00.

Some students, along with Joel Allen, agreed that if minimum wage would have been raised to at least $4.00, it would have made getting a job more of an incentive. These students said their time was worth as much to them as it was to an adult.

Even though there were a few students such as Ed Witmer and Alex Lechlitner who said raising minimum wage would only have reduced the number of part-time workers, many students at NorthWood were convinced that the minimum wage of $3.35 was not enough.

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One profession that seemed to be quite popular among many people was architecture. Reasons for its high ratings varied from the fact that it brought money and prestige, to a simple matter of personal interest.

Many asked wanted to be rich or at least work for someone who was. One student wanted to be Donald Trump's secretary. Several students wanted to be lawyers, not just paralegals, but "big money-making lawyers."

In the 1920's the mafia leaders ran the cities, working with the "family". Some NorthWood students wished to pursue this profession, either as Godfathers or hit men, in order to" make 'peons' pay."

Doctors were always on the top of the list. However, students had many various reasons for wanting to enter the this field. Their intentions included the desire to "study bodies" to wanting to help the less fortunate.

One freshman, Trent Dodson, wished to be like Bo Jackson in playing both pro-football and baseball. Others also wished to make a living by using their athletic abilities.

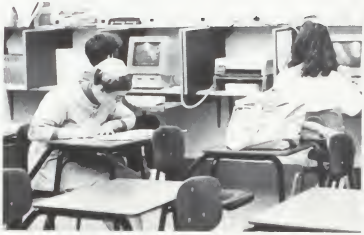
Professions in fine arts also seemed to be very popular, whether it had been a dancer, like Gregory Hines or Paula Abdule, an actress, like Bette Midler, or an actor, like Mel Gibson. They want to perform for the "prestige, glamour, and money"

Not everyone wished simply for a lot of money and fame. Some wanted to be engineers, daycare workers, and auto mechanics. This was how our country ran in the 80's and would continue into the 90's.

-Jessica Hofer

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Others found nicer ways of saying no. If Krista Smock was asked out by her nightmare, she would usually say, "I already have plans". The most common way of saying no nicely was, "I'm already going with someone".

A final way of saying no was just being mean. LaMarr Lakins said, "You'd be lucky to have my dog go out with you." Diane Meyers put it, "I have a reputation to uphold".

No matter what method was used, at one time or another all NorthWood students had to face this problem, whether they were doing the rejecting or were the ones being rejected.

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Debbie Winslow answered, "Oh, probably myself, because who knows what the future holds for me, and I like the element of surprise."

"I have dreampt of myself as a millionaire tycoon with a large house and many nice cars," answered Angie Chupp.

On the other hand, Jason Gongwer said, "I want to be Bruce Lee, because he is boss and I always wanted to learn martial arts."

Most students agreed to wanting to become a millionaire, and the rest either wanted to be movie actors, rock stars, or other famous people.

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Who was the person you wanted to be most like?

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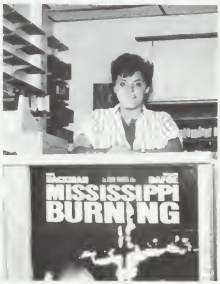
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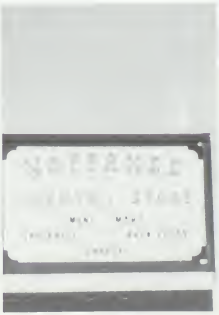
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Most people said that a first date was a time to get to know each other. Others said it was a time to relax with each other. Many people stated they would have rather gone casually than dressed up on their first date.

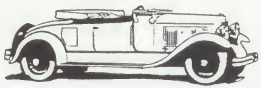
There were different feelings about first dates. In the end "all that mattered was that the the people felt comfortable."

What did you expect to do?_____

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-Brenda Schmucker



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One of the main questions high school students asked their parents was, "Can I have some money for the weekend?" Many parents simply said no. This increased the number of students working.

What was your job? _____

How many hours did you work? ____

What would you picture as the ideal job? _____

What was the funniest question someone asked you while working? _____

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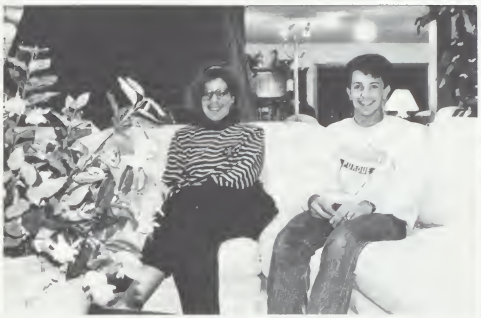
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Sophomore Julie Leinbach encouraged all employees to "just work with the customers to please them as much as possible." Employees had to try not to "discuss some customer problems with other customers or all day long with other employees," warned junior Brenda Pressler.

The main point stressed by workers was keeping a "COOL HEAD" and not upsetting customers more than they already were.

Did you ever receive an angry customer while you were working? ____.

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Even though they had to wait or suffer from the crowd, people always seemed in good spirits when they visited their favorite restaurant after a game.

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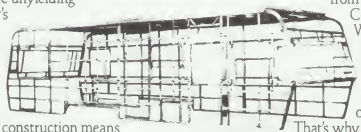
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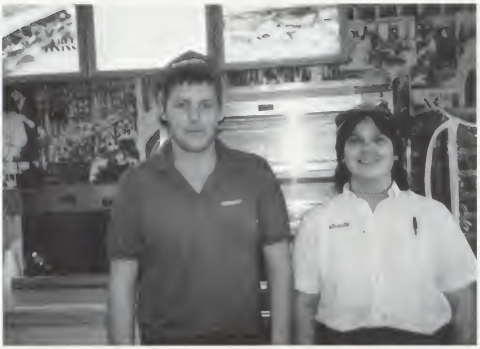
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On the other hand, having a part-time job meant having less time to spend with friends, and less time to finish up that last problem from chemistry class.

Krista Smock, senior, worked at Fiedeke Dry Cleaners.The best thing Krista liked about her job was that she was able to finish her homework when she was at work. The worst part about her job was doing the cleaning.

Greg Haney, junior, worked at Family Fare he liked the pay and the opportunity for advancement. The worst part about his job was that he didn't get enough hours.

Lisa Pletcher, sophomore, worked at Country Table. The best thing Lisa liked about her job was bussing tables. The worst part about her job was doing the dishes and having long hours.

Matt Coffman, freshman, worked as a caretaker of a campground.The best thing Matt liked about his job was the pay. The worst part about his job was cleaning the toilets.

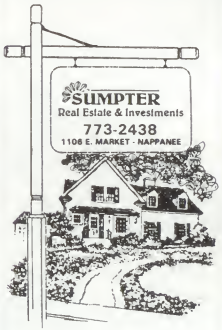
Derick Heckaman, senior, worked at Pizza Hut. The best part about his job was the 20% discount on food. The worst part about his job was that he had to close at 1 a.m. on weekends.

Just think how much extra time could have been put into studying or being involved in other activities instead of working. Some NorthWood students just didn't have enough time to be students.
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"When I think of Woodstock, I think of 'Flower Power!" exclaimed one NorthWood student. What Woodstock was and what people view it as, are two completely different ideas. Shelly Kindig stated, "I think of Woodstock as a gigantic concert, with tons of people and lots of music." NorthWood students of today may have thought this was like an ordinary Guns N' Roses extravaganza, when it was actually 500,000 hippies crowded together for three days of rock n' roll and rain.

Woodstock, in the eyes of many, was a symbol of a generations hopes and fears — the fears that many teenagers continue to feel. That fear can be best described as, "not being understood," or being "unhappy with what their parents had given them."

Woodstock can not be described as all negative, however. Many positive things came from this mammoth concert. People began to express themselves in a more free way. In a way, all concerts help people express themselves. Woodstock also made the nations aware of several new musical talents. Present day concerts also present new performers.

Countless other NorthWood students described Woodstock as "a huge concert with millions of people; that was dirty and gross." People had their own opinions about Woodstock, but those who attended generally had positive feelings. One person was quoted as saying, "It marked the rise and fall of a culture, all in one weekend." Another person said, "It wasn't just the drugs and rock and roll, it was a celebration of the first global-minded generation on the planet."

Woodstock can not be summed up in a bunch of words, but to the people it affected, it will always be with them in their hearts and souls. With the celebration of the 20th anniversary of Woodstock, NorthWood realized what that concert was all about.

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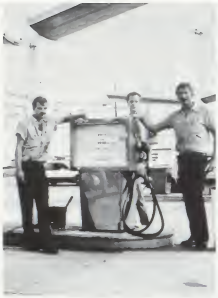
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Making a burger wasn't as easy as it looked. Laura Cripe, a senior and former employee at McDonald's, explained, "First you have to cook the burger without burning yourself. After that, it all depends on what kind of sandwich you're making." If a Big Mac is under construction, for example, "you slap a patty on the bun, smother it with secret sauce, add lettuce and the middle bun. Then you do it again and stuff it in a box."

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According to one senior, on a cold Sunday evening, she had just gotten home from work, and her dad needed something from the drug store. She got everything she needed and headed out to her car. "I grabbed the handle and pulled. My door was locked and my keys were laying there, as if they were laughing at me." She called home and her dad brought her her spare key. After locking her keys in her car at school a few weeks later, she said, "By this time I was sick of being humiliated from locking my keys in my car, so I got a key locker, and thanks to modern technology I'm never stuck out in no man's land locked out of my car."

The experiences teachers had always seemed to be a little more amusing. Mrs. Wing had been shopping. When she went for her keys, she remembered that she locked them in her car. After getting two guys to work on her driver's side door for over a half-hour, she realized that the passenger's side window was down.

Heather Boger's family had stopped at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania where they were to stay overnight. Her dad had packed the keys right into the trunk. As they were waiting for the police, they saw a button to pop the trunk. "For a few moments we thought we were going to get in the trunk. We pushed the button, but it didn't work. We needed the ignition on."

NorthWood students and teachers found that locking their keys in their cars or being locked out of their homes, was not a very pleasurable experience, but as they looked back, they just had to laugh at their embarrassing moments.

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How many of each of the following are there at NW?

1. doors ____
2. windows ____
3. toilets ____
4. pencil sharpeners ____
5. bricks on the walls ____

In his lifetime, the average student spends how many

6. minutes in school? ____
7. weeks in school? ____

True or False?

8. The guidance office and office are connected by a door. ____
9. The school uses approximately 54 sheets of Xerox paper a day. ____
10. Teachers have eyes in the back of their heads. ____

—Dawn Boothe

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Disasterous Earthquake Shakes California!

Reports of the horrifying disaster were seen on every television station as more reports of casualties became evident. What could be so frightening?! One of the most destructive of the natural forces....an earthquake. Such traumas could happen at any time, as the residents of the Marina Bay discovered. How could we possibly have been threatened from this incident? Mr.Johns replied to this question by telling a story that involved his family.

"Our first hint of the magnitude of the disaster was the interruption of the World Series telecast. The drama of the situation was captivating, and there was the sense of witnessing a bit of significant history. The damage we could see from the quake was considerable, but as time passed, it was the damage we could not see that was of the utmost concern.

"My wife's sister and her family lived south of San Fransisco in the San Jose area, and to compound matters, my mother and father-in-law happened to be there for a visit. We were concerned for their safety, but even more so as time passed and word leaked out that the epicenter was south of San Fransisco. When the epicenter was pinpointed near Los Gatos we started trying to reach them by phone as that was their mailing address. We could not get through as the lines were tied up, and we did not receive any information from my in-laws for a couple of days.

"Fortunately, only minor damage was done to the house though it was only five miles from the epicenter. No one was injured, (continued on page 181)



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The Marina district tries to recouperate itself after the earthquake on Interstate 880 in California.

(continued from page 180) though they were certainly shaken. They even had telephone service restored soon after the quake, but in the excitement of the moment, did not think to call us right away. When we did receive a call, it certainly lifted a cloud of doubt and worry from over our heads!"

A resident of Frezno, California was out in his field when he heard a loud boom, as if something had crashed, but he instantly knew what had happened. He was not aware of the seriousness of it until the evening news came on later that night. Luckily for him and his wife, only dishes had broken.

Everyone had their own stories and experieces that involved the quake. Wasn't it ironic how something so many miles away, clear on the other side of the country, could affect people in such a dramatic manner. The effects were felt by everyone, whether directly or indirectly. Would people be prepared for the next big quake?

-Kellye Root

Senior Notables

Most Likely to Succeed
Matt Bowers
Alicia Templeton

Class Clown
Eric Dudzinski
Caroline Smith

Class Couple
Jody Lengacher
Tara Thompson

Most Dependable
Alan Nunemaker
Jill Hunsberger

Most Talented
Murray Weaver
Lana Hartman

Most Athletic
Jason Hahn
Angie Swanson

Friendliest
Alan Nunemaker
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Most Daring
Derick Heckaman
Caroline Smith

Most Unique
Jeff Snider
Tami Bean

Quietest
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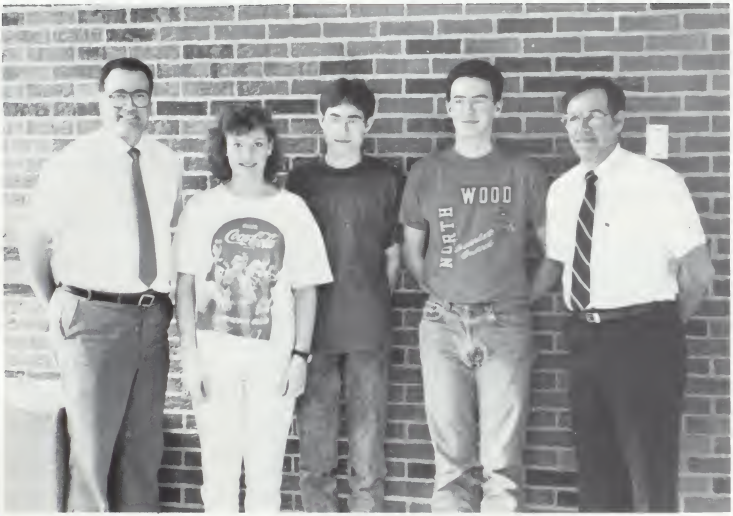
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Mr. Johns organizes the Indiana High School Math Examination. The three highest winners, Alicia Templeton, Brent Hochstetler, and Chris Gottbrath, received recognition from local McDonalds owner Mr. Rick Purcell. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

It has been our pleasure at McDonald's to have worked with Mr. Terry Johns and NorthWood High School's Math Department, and to have sponsored the Indiana Math League Contest for the past 3 years. We are very proud of Brent Hochstetler, this year's top NWHS winner and recipient of $250 United States Savings Bond from McDonald's. Congratulations Brent!

Entertainment enjoyed . . .

Over one hundred NorthWood students took a survey on their favorite movies and television shows. Yes, it was unbelievable that with everyone's different taste a top five of each could be determined.
Although kids found more exciting entertainment, it was still fun to go to movies at a theatre, watch them at home, or just save some money, and watch some television shows. The top five movies and television shows were as follows:

T.V. Shows

1. Cosby
2. Cheers
3. Roseanne
4. Night Court
5. MacGyver

Movies

1. Look Who's Talking
2. Lethal Weapon II
3. Batman
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"Manford Harold Kalony." The principal announced the name as though expecting the nerd of the century to appear on stage. Of course, with such a name as this, he certainly did not expect anyone different.

Stereotyping individuals because of their names was common among students as well as teachers during the school year. Freshmen and sophomore students surveyed during English classes wrote what came to their minds when they heard certain names.

For instance, upon hearing the name Alfred, thirty-five out of the ninty-one students surveyed thought of obvious stereotypes such as Alfred Hitchcock's murder mysteries or Batman's butler. Other individuals mentioned a cartoon character or a nerd.

When these students heard the name Penelope, nine said they thought of a fruit like cantaloupe. This was most likely because of the similar spelling and pronounciation. Eight students wrote that the name reminded them of Penelope Pig while others mentioned a prissy girl or a horse.

Also included in the survey were favorite and least favorite names given to babies. Favorites for boys included such names as Tyler, Brett, Storme, and Trey. Favorite girls' names were Kelsey, Taylor, Ashley, and Dustie. These names were chosen as favorites because of friends' names or just because they were unique.

Least favorite names mostly included old-fashioned or uncommon choices. For example, Herman, George, Irving, and Barney were mentioned for boys. Wilma, Bertha, Martha, and Emma were included in the girls' names.

These students also listed the strangest name they had ever heard. Everlyn, Twilight, Whoopi, and Star were several girls' names that these individuals thought were weird.

Included in the boys' name list were Linus, Eugene, Muhammad, and Burmell. Burmell, Mr. Walter's first name, was mentioned because it was a unique name.

As Manford ascended the steps to receive his diploma, the principal took a short gasping breath. Before him was a six-foot tall, dark, and handsome young man with a sure smile on his radiating face. Indeed the principal had been wrong in his assumptions about the teenager's name.

— Sheila Helmuth



Each name has a special meaning. In the case of Julie Ann Rice, the connotation is "youthful and graceful". (Photo by Amye Burns)

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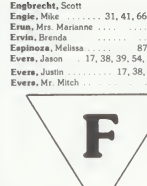
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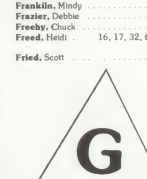
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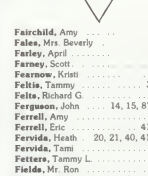
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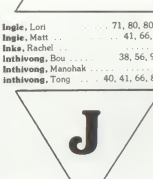
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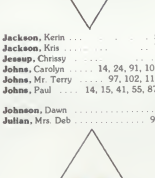
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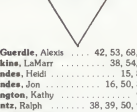


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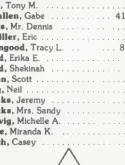


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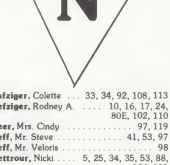
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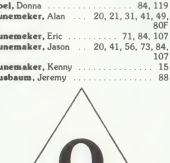
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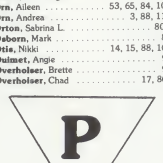
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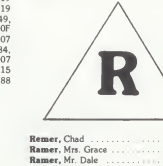
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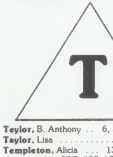
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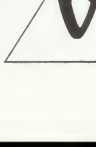
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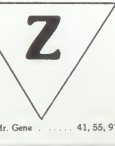
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Keeping the community aware of your achievements is one of their priorities.

Common Aliases

Most Common Last Name	Miller
Most Common First Name for Girl	Jennifer
Most Common First Name for Boy	Jason

What does your name mean?_____

Why did your parents name you what they did?

If you could change your name, what would you name yourself?_____

Great Expectations

How Did the Year Stack Up?

Death, tragedy, trauma . . . life, goals, triumphs — all were part of 1990, the start of the new decade. Some of the year's events surpassed expectations while others fell short.

Tragedy and death occured with the deaths of Lucille Ball and Ryan White. The world was shocked when it heard that comedian Lucille Ball had died. It was even more devastated when told that Ryan White had gone into a coma and was not expected to live. Millions mourned when it was announced that the young AIDS victim had passed away.

Manuel Noriega's arrest was a triumph for America. The comlpicated search for one of the world's largest drug trafficers lasted for weeks. Noriega finally turned himself over to U.S. officials when he realized that the Panamanian people had turned against him and were siding with U.S. troops which surrounded the Vatican where he had sought refuge.

Yet another triumph of the new decade was the fall of the Berlin Wall. History was made when the split Germany's — East and West — reunited as a democracy, bringing a feeling of freedom to the German people.

Throughout the year students set similar goals when it came to their grades — to improve them. "I had originally planned to dedicate this year to improving my GPA. However, I contracted a rather bad case of senioritis and spent most of the year in a daze, except for the last month before graduation when I finally woke up and realized that if I didn't do something quick, I would be on that big yellow cheese wagon for yet another year!" exclaimed Dawn Boothe.

With so much action taking place in the beginning of the new decade, expectations of the future were uncertain.

-Hope Atwater

A tragedy struck Iran when former leader Ayatollah Khomeini died on June 3, 1989. His funeral was the center of great commotion between battling factions of Iranians, some of whom attacked his coffin during the funeral procession.



How Did Your Year Stack Up?

What were your goals for the year? _

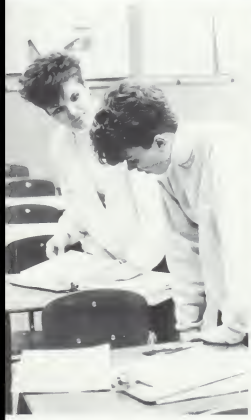
Did you reach them? _____



Jon Seals, Kellye Root, Rob Mellinger, and Tim O'Malley walk anxiously out of school during their final week. (Photo by Teresa Miller)



Jenny Richmond and Ann Detweiler take time between studying for their finals to catch up on what's going on. (Photo by Amye Burns)





Concerned about the danger caused by the traditional "trashing" of the hall on the Seniors' final days, Tammy Whitmer, Amy Pletcher, Caroline Smith, and Jennifer Weidenhaft assist Mr. Bonacorsi and Mr. Joyce Culp in the cleanup. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

Yearbook section editors work with precision. Stacie Yoder and Christi Wise work together to make sure that everything in their sections is correct. (Photo by Teresa Miller)

An Unexpected Ending

Friends . . . memories . . . homework . . . good times . . . bad times . . . highlights . . . all were a part of the school year.

Expressing her creativity through her black and white design, Ann Detweiler relaxes before continuing her final exam preparation. (Photo by Amye Burns)



(Teachers usually give assignments, but now it's our turn. Fill in this grossly overdone WHITE page with your own expectations and experiences from the year. We realize that so much white space is not a very good design element and that we are closing the yearbook in a very unusual way, but WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?)

-Hope Atwater and Dawn Boothe

Colophon

The NorthWood Logue is printed by the Newsfoto Yearbook Company in San Angelo, Texas. Five hundred twenty-five copies of the 1989-1990 yearbook were sold, each book containing 192 pages plus two eight-page tip-ins, for a total of 208 pages.

The twenty-first volume of the Logue contained copy in the typeface of Souvenir. Body copy was ten point and captions were eight point. Body copy on the division pages was fourteen point and captions were twelve point.

One of the eight page tip-ins contained information concerning seniors, including the seniors' color picture album.

The other tip-in, the mini-mag, was a double gate fold that contained national information, state and local school related topics, and various student-related feature stories. This section of the book was given its own type face (Geneva) as well as its own column widths (generally eight picas wide) with a plus column on each outside page. The type used for the headlines of major stories was Ballardvale Bold Italic and that used for minor stories was Times Roman Italic.

The color of the cover is Blue 452 with the letters in Red 808. The cover colors were chosen in order to correspond with the theme of the book, "What Did You Expect?" These colors were slightly off from the school colors of black and red, therefore, different from expectations.

Rhino Grain was applied to the cover with the exception of the area inside of the blind embossed rule lines. The "X" was embossed and top stamped with prism foil. The copy on the cover of the book (the "What Did You") was printed in Jefferson Script.

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